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(54) 【発明の名称】 フルカラー画像形成方法

(57) [要約]

【輠題】 高画質なフルカラー画像を高速かつ安価で提 供できるフルカラー画像形成方法を提供すること。

【解決手段】 現像剤としてマゼンタトナーを含むマゼ ンタ現像剤、シアントナーを含むシアン現像剤、イエロ を含むプラック現像剤を用い、各トナーが体積平均粒径 3~7.5㎡を有しながら、少なへともパインダー拖脂100 **国量部、重量平均分子量1000~3000および重量平均分子** 一およびイエロートナーの被配録材に対する数大付着曲 をそれぞれ5.0g/m2以下の値に制御することを特徴とす **ートナーを含むイエロー現像剤、およびブラックトナー** よび着色剤を含んでなり、マゼンタトナー、シアントナ **由/数平均分子量2.0以下の重合体 (B) 1~20重量部**お るフルカラー画像形成方法。

| 体幹請求の範囲|

現像剤としてマゼンタトナーを含むマゼンク現像剤、シ こ被記録材上に転写する工程を、現像剤の色ごとに繰り 「請求項1】 静電潜像担持体上に潜像を形成し、眩潜 象を現像剤で現像する工程、および静電潜像担持体上に 8成されたトナー像を中間転写体を介してまたは介さず 返して行い、被配録材上に転写されたトナー像を定着す ることを含むフルカラー画像形成方法であって、

アントナーを含むシアン現像剤、イエロートナーを含む (エロー現像剤、およびプラックトナーを含むプラック

現像剤を用い

マゼンタトナー、シアントナーおよびイエロートナーの くともパインダー樹脂100塩量部、塩量平均分子量1000 ~3000および重量平均分子量/数平均分子量2.0以下の 波記録材に対する最大付着量をそれぞれ5.0g/m²以下の 各トナーが体徴平均粒径3~7.5μmを有しながら、少な 値に制御することを特徴とするフルカラー画像形成方 **低合体 (B) 1~20 重量部および着色剤を含んでなり、**

レゼンタトナー、シアントナーおよびイ ェロートナーの被記録材に対する最大付着量を $5.0\mathrm{g/m}^2$ 以下の同一の値に制御することを特徴とする請求項1に 記載のフルカラー画像形成方法。 (請水項2]

または脂肪族モノマーの単独重合体または共宜合体であ (請求項4】 パインダー樹脂のガラス転移点が50~60 [請求項3] 重合体 (B) が、芳香族モノマーおよび/ こである諸求項1~3、ずれかに記載のフルカラー画像形 る静水項1または2に記載のフルカラー画像形成方法。

配件買い扱く

【静水項5】 マゼンタトナー、シアントナーおよびイ エロートナーの後処理剤の種類および量が略同一である **请求項1~4いずれかに配載のフルカラー画像形成方法。** [発明の詳細な説明]

[発明の属する技術分野] 本発明はフルカラー画像形成 ち法に関する。 [0001]

[0002]

砕および微粉砕し、所留により分級して得るのが一般的 ーで現像する工程 (現像工程)、静電潜像担持体上に形 樹脂および着色剤等を溶融、混練し、冷却した後、粗粉 成されたトナー像を中間転写体を介してまたは介さずに 数記録材上に転写する工程(転写工程)、および被記録 [従来の技術] フルカラー画像形成方法は一般に、静電 普像担特体(感光体)上に潜像を形成し、眩潜像をトナ **オ上のトナー像を定着する工程 (定着工程) を含んでな** る。詳しくは、マゼンタ色、イエロー色、シアン色およ 行い、被記録材上にトナー層を重ね合わせた後、加圧お よび加熱によってトナー層を定着する。このような画像 形成方法に使用されるトナーは、少なくともパインダー びブラック色の4色のトナーを用い、各色ごとに現像を

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生の分野では画像の高画質化ならびに画像形成の高速化 【0003】近年、上記のようなフルカラー画像形成方 および低コスト化が要求されており、画像形成プロセス

一帯電量が高くなる傾向があった。 帯電量が高くなりす いという問題が生じた。そこで、画像激度の低下を防止 ば、色材含有量を上げることにより、小粒径トナーにお いても所望の画像濃度を確保できる。しかしながら、色 の荷配性が大きく左右されるため、トナーごとに現像条 件、特に、被配録材に対するトナーの最大付着量を比較 ラー画像形成の高速化と低コスト化を遊成できない。ま た、トナー製造時において、トナーごとに色材以外の材 [0004] 例えば、画像の高画質化を達成するために トナーの平均粒径を小さくすることが有効であることが **知られている。しかしながら、トナーの小俗化によりト** ナーの比安面積が増大するため、単位重量あたりのトナ ぎると、現像量が制限されて所望の画像濃度が得られな するために、特開平9-114127号公報では、トナーの体稿 的大きく変更する必要が生じた。トナーごとの被配録材 に対するトナーの最大付着量の整が大きすぎると、現像 時におけるトナーごとの条件設定が煩禁であり、フルカ 平均粒径、色材含有量、複写紙上のソリッド部のトナー **国量を規定する試みがなされている。この規定によれ 材含有量を上げると、色材が持つ荷電性能によりトナ** およびトナーについて扱っな質みがなされている。 料で帯電盘の顕整を行う必要があった。 2 ន

に、ガラス転移点が60℃以上の樹脂が使用される。しか の小径化は微粉砕にさらに長時間を要し、生産性が低下 国成物に特定の石油樹脂を含有させてトナー組成物の粉 インダー樹脂としてトナーの保存安定性を確保するため しながら、当該技術によるトナーを用いると定着に比較 的長時間を要し、フルカラー画像形成の高速化は達成さ し、結果として低コスト化を選成することは困難であっ た。そこで、特開平11-65161号公報では混模前のトナー は、微粉砕工程が比較的長時間を要していたが、トナー 【0005】また、粉砕型トナーの製造工程において 砕性を向上させる技術が報告されている。ここでは、 れなかった。 ౭

パンダー樹脂を用いると、トナー磁集が起こり易いとい 【0006】フルカラー画像形成の高速化を造成するた めに、トナーの色材含有量を増やして被配録材に対する しかしながら、トナーの付着量を低減すると、画衆あた りの構成トナー数が減少するため、得られる画像の粒状 い画像が得られた。また、裕融開始温度が比較的低いパ う問題があった。すなわち、トナーを比較的高温下で保 存した時に磁模が起こったり、現像器内において撹拌に より磁模が起こった。 性が悪化するという問題があった。すなわち、キメの粕 トナーの付着盘を低減すること、およびトナーバインタ 一樹脂の溶融開始温度を下げることが提案されている。 9

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[0000]

[発明が解決しようとする課題] 本発明は上記事情に鑑 みなされたものであって、萬画質なフルカラー画像を高 **速かし安価や雄供できるファカラー画像形成方法を提供** することを目的とする。

ルカラー画像を高速かつ安価で提供できるフルカラー画 【0008】本発明はまた、トナーごとに被記録材に対 するトナーの最大付着盘を変更しなくても、髙画質なフ 象形成方法を提供することを目的とする。

[6000]

ナーを含むプラック現像剤を用い、各トナーが体徴平均 【聴題を解決するための手段】本発明は、静電潜像担持 および静電潜像担持体上に形成されたトナー像を中間転 写体を介してまたは介さずに被配録材上に転写する工程 を、現像剤の色ごとに繰り返して行い、被記録材上に転 エロートナーを含むイエロー現像剤、およびブラックト 写されたトナー像を定着することを含むフルカラー画像 形成方法であって、現像剤としたマゼンタトナーを含む ントナーおよびイエロートナーの被配録材に対する最大 マゼンタ現像剤、シアントナーを含むシアン現像剤、イ 脂100直盘部、直盘平均分子量1000~3000および重量平 均分子量/数平均分子量2.0以下の重合体(B)1~20重 **母部および着色剤を含んでなり、マゼンタトナー、シア** 付着母をそれぞれ5.0g/m²以下の値に制御することを特 粒径3~7.5㎡を有しながら、少なくともパインダー樹 体上に楷像を形成し、紋楷像を現像剤で現像する工程、 徴とするフルカラー画像形成方法に関する。

量の着色剤を充填しても、各色のトナー間における帯電 レベルの益が低減されることを見い出し、さらにはその ようなトナーを特定の現像条件で用いることにより本発 を用いると、トナーを小粒径にして数トナーに比較的多 【0010】本発明の発明者等は、特定の重合体(B) 明の目的が容易に達成されることを見い出した。

[0011]

トナーを含むシアン現像剤、イエロートナーを含むイエ ロー現像剤、およびプラックトナーを含むプラック現像 なく、フルカラー画像を形成できれば、他の色の現像剤 【発明の実施の形態】本発明の方法に使用される現像剤 分現像剤であってもよい。また、本発明において現像剤 としてはマゼンタトナーを含むマゼンタ現像剤、シアン 剤を組み合わせて用いるが、これに限定されるものでは 剤であってもよいし、またはトナーを単独で用いる1成 は、トナーとキャリアとを混合して得られる2成分現像 を組み合わせて用いても良い。

【0012】以下、まずトナーについて説明するが、怖 記しない限り、マゼンタトナー、シアントナー、イエロ ートナーおよびブラックトナーはそれぞれ独立して以下

2 ともパインダー樹脂、特定の風合体 (B) および着色剤 【0013】本発明において使用されるトナーは少なく

の説明を適用され得る。

られる。また、トナーが上記のような構成を有するため を含んでなる。本発明においては後で詳述するような特 な構成を有するため、比較的多量の潜色剤が充填されて も、トナーの粒子安面に着色剤が露出する確率が顕著に 低減され、個々の着色剤の帯電性能の違いに基づく各色 のトナー間における帯配レベルの差が低減されると考え 定の重合体 (B) を用いるため、トナーは粒子要面に重 合体 (B) が観出した構成を有する。トナーがそのよう る。さらには<u>餌合体 (B) を用いることによって、</u>トナ に、トナー騒集が起こり難くなるという効果も得られ 2

ろでは、粉砕はパインダー樹脂と<u>餌合体</u>(B) 粒子との (B) が粒子として分散され、粉砕工程で混練物は重合 体 (B) の分散粒子を結ぶように粉砕面が形成されなが **ら粉砕されるため、粒子表面に重合体 (B) が露出した** は、混練物中における重合体 (B) 粒子が存在するとこ 接触面 (界面) ではなく、 重合体 (B) 粒子の内部を通 **って起こるため、当紋粉砕面は重合体 (B) によって構** 【0014】トナーの製造において重合体 (B) を用い 成され、結果として重合体 (B) は粒子玻面に露出する 構成を有するトナーが得られると考えられる。詳しく ると、混練工程においてパインダー樹脂中に重合体 一の生産性が向上するという効果も得られる。 と考えられる。

のトナーを得られず、各色のトナー間における帯電レベ となる。一方、Maが3000を超えると、本材料自身の粉砕 2800、直盘平均分子盘/数平均分子量(Mw/Mn)が2.0以 ルの差が比較的大きくなり、トナーごとに最大付着量を 比較的大きく変更する必要が生じ、現像時におけるトナ きの保管性(耐熱保管性)が悪化し、実用上使用が困難 [0015] 本発明において使用される重合体(B) は **国母平均分子量(Mw)が1000~3000、好ましくは1000~** が低くなるため、比較的高い温度でトナーを放置したと 性が悪くなり、本材料を用いることによる粉砕性の向上 F、好ましくは1.9以下である。そのような賃合体(B) を用いないと、重合体 (B) が粒子按画に配出した構成 DNmが1000未満であると、鱼合体 (B) のガラス転移点 ーごとの条件設定が煩雑となる。さらに、<u>低</u>合体(R) 効果が認められなくなる。 ಜ

[0016] 本明細哲中、風合体または樹脂のMwおよび してテトラヒドロフランを10kg/cm3で流し、遡庇する試 钭30mgをテトラヒドロフラン20mlに溶解させ、この溶液 型;日本分光工築社製)によって測定された値を用いて いる。詳しくは、カラムを40℃に保ち、キャリア溶媒と 3.5mgを上記キャリア路域とともに導入して、ポリスチ **はゲルパーミエーションクロマトグラフィ (807-1T

【0017】そのような重合体 (B) は粉砕性指数0.1~ 1.0、好ましくは0.2~0.6を有することが望ましい。粉 砕性指数とは粉砕され易さを要すひとつの指標であり、 当該値が小さいほど粉砕され易いことを意味する。

-II (コールターベックャン社製) にて測定する。得ら [0018] 本毘笛梅中、 恣砕枯枯数は以下に絞りた 営 を機械式粉砕機(KTM-0型:川崎重工業社製)で処理量F **試料通過無し時の負荷動力値170と試料を通過させた時の** 粉砕物の体積平均粒径D (πm) をコールタァルチナイザ 負荷動力値M1を記録する。その後、KTM粉砕で得られた **戻された値を用いている。体積平均粒径2ma程度の飲料** (5kg/h) 、KTM回転数12000 (rpm) にて治母する際に、 れた値かの下記式に基ムいて愁砕和指数を貸出する。 必存在指数 = (D×(₩1-₩0))/F

あることが望ましい。本明細魯中、重合体または樹脂の は耐熱保管性と低温定着性の更なる向上の観点から50℃ 以上、好ましくは55~85℃、より好ましくは60~80℃で 子社製)を用いて、リファレンスをアルミナとし、10mg **屁し、メイン吸熱ピークのショルダー値をガラス転移点** ガラス転移点は示差走査熱盘計 (DSC-200:セイコー電 の徴萃を昇温速度10C/minの条件で20~120Cの間を遡 【0019】また、重合体 (B) のガラス転移点 (Tg) としている。

がパインダー樹脂と容融混練されても相容せず、かつパ 0.5以上、好ましくは0.7以上小さいことを意味する。そ /マーの単独重合体または共重合体が使用できる。 ここ [0020] 重合体 (B) の種類としては、重合体 (B) のような粉砕性指数の関係を有する重合体(B) および パインダー樹脂を用いることによって、<u>低合体</u>(B)が 例えば、公知の芳香族モノマーおよび/または脂肪族モ (B) の粉砕缶指数がパインダー樹脂の粉砕在指数より インダー樹脂と粉砕性が異なる限り、特に制限されず、 で「パインダー樹脂と粉砕性が異なる」とは、重合体 【0021】 労働族モノマーとしては一般式(1); **要面に路**出したトナーを有効に得ることができる。

子、ハロゲン原子、または皮梁数1~4のアルキル甚、例 えばメチル基、エチル基、n-プロピル基、n-プチル英 であり、好ましくは水葉原子、塩鞣原子、臭鞣原子、ま (式中、R1、R2、R3およびR4はそれぞれ独立して水栗原 たはメチル基である)で安されるスチレン系モノマー と、一板状 (2)

(式中、R5、P6およびR7はそれぞれ独立して水漿原子、

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ハロゲン原子、または炭紫数1~6のアルキル基、例えば メチル基、エチル基、n-プロピル基、n-プチル基、n -ペンチル拡、n-ヘキシル基であり、好ましへは水漿原 子、塩類原子、臭媒原子、またはメチル基である)で数 されるインデン茶モノマーが挙げられる。

[0022] スチレン系モノャーの具体例としては、例 ロモスチレン、pープロモスチレン、αープロモスチレ ペニルトルコン、B-メチルスチレン、1-プロペニル 好ましくはスチレン、a-メチルスチレン、インブロペ しい。この場合、純既の高いピュアモノマーを使用する - プロペパルトゲエン、o - クロロスサフン、E - クロ ン、B-プロモスチレン毎が挙げられ、好ましくはスチ レン、ピニルトルエン、ローメチルスチレン、インプロ aーメチルスチレン、インプロペールトゲエン、さらに **リプトケエンかめる。 インデンボホノャーの具体例とし** ては、例えば、イン扩ン、メサルイン扩ン、エチガイン デン等が挙げられ、これらの中でもインデンが挙に好ま ン、インプロペークトグエン、BIメダグスチレン、1 ン、B-クロロスチレン、o-プロモスチレン、E-ブ しい。芳香族モノマーは単独でまたは組み合わせて用い ことが樹脂の着色、臭気、VOC量を低く抑える上で好ま **えば、メチレン、アニグトクエン、ローメチルスチレ** トルエン、より好ましくはスチレン、ピーグトルエン、 ロスチレン、pークロロスチレン、αークロロスチレ 2 ន

医族モノマーと 重合可能であれば特に制限されず、例え 小酸デシル、メタクリル酸ウンデシル、メタクリル酸ド [0023] 脂肪族モノマーの具体例としては、上配芳 **小穀メチル、アクリル酸エチル、アクリル酸n -ブロピ 小数nーペンチル、アクリル数インペンチル、アクリル** ル、アクリル酸デシル、アクリル酸ウンデシル、アクリ メタクリル酸オクチル、メタクリル酸ノニル、メタクリ ば、イングレン、ピペリレン、1,3-ブタジエン、1,3-ぐ のジギワンイン発売ノゕー;Hヂワン、プロピワン、ブ アクリル酸インプチル、アクリル酸も一ブチル、アクリ 数ネオペンチル、アクリル数3-(メチル)ブチル、アク **小数ドデシル毎のアクリル数アルキルエステルボモノァ** 一;メタクリル数メチル、メタクリル酸エチル、メタク リル酸nープロピル、メタクリル酸インプロピル、メタ リル酸tーブチル、メタクリル酸nーペンチル、メタク リル酸インペンチル、メタクリル酸ネオペンチル、メタ クリル製nーブチル、メタクリル製インブチル、メタク ンタジHン、1,5-ヘキキジHン、2,3-ジメチル-1,3-ブ タジエン、クロロプレン、2-ブロモー1,3-ブタジエン毎 サワン、イングチワン、2-メチガーブデン-1、2-シ チルプテン-2年のモノオレフィン采モノマー:アクリ ル、アクリル数インプロピル、アクリル酸nーブサル、 クリル酸3-(メチル)プチル、メタクリル酸ヘキシル、 デシル毎のメタクリル酸アルキルエステル系モノマー リル酸ヘキシル、アクリル酸オクチル、アクリル酸ノ てもない。 \$ 2 8

2 ソ、アニグヘキンアケトン、アニケメチルエーテル、ア アクリル酸、メタクリル酸、イタコン酸、マレイン酸等 の不飽和カルボン酸系モノマー;アクリロニトリル、マ ニルエチルエーテルおよびピニルイソプチルエーテル等 が挙げられる。好ましくはモノオレフィン系モノャーお 酢酸アニル、安見衝酸アニル、アニルメチルエチルケト よびジオワンィン系モノャーであり、より好ましくはイ ングレン、ピペリレン、2-メチルーブデン-1、2-メ ワイン酸エステル、イタコン酸エステル、塩化ドニル、 チルブテンー2、さちに好ましくはインプレンである。 防族モノマーは単独でまたは組み合わせて用いてもよ

ルスチレンおよびインプロペニルトルエンからなる群か **族モノマーがインプレンである、芳香族モノマーおよび** (B) の中でも、芳香族モノマーがスチレン、αーメチ **ら強択される1またはそれ以上のモノマーであり、脂肪** /または脂肪族モノマーの単独重合体または共重合体が 【0024】上記のようなモノマーからなる重合体

アメチァンーインプロペーケトケエンーインプァン共知 共宜合体等が挙げられ、各色のトナー間における帯電レ 石油類のスチームクラッキングによりエチレン、プロピ レンなどを製造するプラントから剧生された分解抽留分 の具体例として、例えば、ポリスチレン、ポリ- ローメチ カスチレン、スチレン-α-メチルスチレン共組合体、α ベルの差をさらに低減する観点から、好ましくはポリス **合称、スチワン-インプロペーガトガドン-インプワン** スチワンーインプロペニルトルエン共国合体、ローメサ に含まれるジオレフィンおよび/またはモノオレフィン を原料として合成されたものが好ましく使用され得る。 【0025】そのような好ましい重合体(B)として、 【0026】また、上記のような好ましい<u></u>監合体 (B) - メチルスチレンーインプロペニルトルエン共重合体、 **ルフン、ポリ- ロ-メ サケス アフン むめ。**

スチレンを用いる場合、その重盘平均分子量は2000~28 協合、その簠盘平均分子盘は1000~2000であることがさ [0027] <u>氧合体</u>(B) としてポリスチレンを用いる らに好ましい。また重合体 (B) としてポリ-α-メチル 00であることがさらに好ましい。

国母部に対して1~20重盘部、好ましくは3~15重量部で ある。使用量が少なすぎると、トナー組成物の粉砕性の が過粉砕され易くなり、現像器の中でトナー粒径が大き 向上効果が得られにくい。使用盘が多すぎると、トナー く変化する傾向がある。

静電荷像現像用トナーの分野で公知の合成樹脂または天 **然樹脂を用いることができる。例えば、ポリエステル系 柑脂、スチレン糸樹脂、ポリ塩化ビニル、フェノール樹** 【0029】パインダー樹脂としては怖に制限されず、 脂、天然疫性フェノール樹脂、天然疫性マワイン酸樹

脂、アクリル系樹脂、メタクリル系樹脂、ポリ酢酸ピニ **覧、フラン樹脂、エポキシ樹脂、キシワン樹脂、ポリビ 等が挙げられる。好ましくは、ポリエステル系樹脂、ま ニアンチャート、 アクムン樹脂、 クャロンインゲン樹脂** たはスチレンーアクリル樹脂をグラフト化させたポリエ ステル系樹脂が挙げられる。本発明においては、低温定 **着性のさらなる向上の観点から、ポリエステル系樹脂を ーケ、シリコーン粧脂、ポリケフタン、ポリアミド**粧 使用することがより好ましい。

ることを見出した。したがって、本発明においてバイン であることが望ましい。 なお、パインダー樹脂の軟化点 【0030】従来からトナーの低温定着性を向上させる 手段としてパインダー樹脂の軟化点を規定することがよ く行われているが、本発明においてはパインダー樹脂の 軟化点よりガラス転移点の方が低温定着性とよく相関す ダー樹脂は耐熱保管性と低温定着性のさらなる向上の観 **点から、ガラス転移点が45~65℃、好ましくは50~60℃** は、フルカラー画像の色再現性および光沢性の観点から 120℃以下であることが望ましい。

ロペン箏のアスフェノールAアグキワンオキサイド付加 させることにより得られたポリエステル樹脂が使用可能 ペンチルグリコール、1,4ープテンジオール、1,5ーペン タンジオール、1,6--ヘキサンジオール、1,4-シクロへ キサンジメタノール、ジプロピレングリコール、ポリエ チレングリコール、ポリテトラメチレングリコール、ピ スフェノールA、水繋添加ピスフェノールA毎が挙げら れる。3価以上のアルコール成分としては、例えば、ソ 【0031】本発明においてポリエステル系樹脂として は、多価アルコール成分と多価カルボン酸成分を重縮合 ためる。多価アクコール成分のうち 2 価アルコール成分 としては、例えば、ポリオキシブロピレン(3,2)ー2,2ー ピス(4-ヒドロキシフェニル)プロパン、ポリオキシプロ ペン、ポリギキシブロパワン(6)-2,2-ピス(4-ヒドロ キシフェニル)プロパン、ポリオキシエチレン(2,0)ー2, シエチレン(2,2) – 2,2 – ピス(4–ヒドロキシフェニル) プ 物、エチレングリコール、ジエチレングリコール、トリ エチレングリコール、1,2~プロピレングリコール、1,3 ケアトーケ、1,2,3,6~くサキンドトローケ、1,4~ング ピタン、ペンタエリスリトール、ジペンタエリスリトー メチルプロパントリオール、2-メチルー1,2,4-プタン トリオール、トリメチロールエタン、トリメチロールブ ピレン(3,3) -2,2-ピス(4-ヒドロキシフェニル)プロ 2ービス(4ーヒドロキンフェニル) プロパン、ポリオキ -プロピレングリコール、1,4-ブタンジオール、ネオ ル、トリペンタエリスリトール、1,2,4ーブタントリオ ロパン、1,3,5-トリヒドロキシメチルベンゼン╋が裕 ール、1,2,5-ペンタントリオール、グリセロール、2 8

【0032】また、多価カルボン酸成分のうち2価のカ ルボン酸成分としては、例えば、マレイン酸、ファル

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イン酸、マロン酸、n-ドデセニルコハク酸、インドデ コハク酸、n-オクテニルコハク酸、イソオクテニルコ 駿、シトラコン酸、イタコン酸、グルタコン酸、フタル 数、インフタル額、テレフタル額、ツクロヘキサンジカ ルボン酸、コハク酸、アジピン酸、セバチン酸、アゼラ セニルコハク酸、nードデシルコハク酸、インドデシル 酸、これらの酸の無水物あるいは低級アルキルエステル ハク酸、n-オクチルコハク酸、イソオクチルコハク が挙げられる。

数)、1,2,5-ペンゼントリカルボン酸、2,5,1-ナンタレ 酸、1,2,4ープタントリカルボン酸、1,2,5ーヘキサント 【0033】3毎以上のカルボン酸成分としては、例え ト酸、エンボーケ三曲体酸、これらの酸の無水物、低級 ン、1,2,7,8ーオクタンテトラカルボン酸、ピロメリッ メチワンガルボキシプロペン、1,2,4ーシクロヘキサン リカルボン酸、1,3-ジカルボキシル-2-メチル-2-トリカルボン酸、テトラ(メチレンカルボキシル)メタ ントリカルボン酸, 1,2,4ーナフタレントリカルボン ば、1,2,4ーベンゼントリカルボン敷(トリメリット アルキルエステル等が挙げられる。

多由カルボン製成分としたテレフタル製、ファル製、ド げカールコンク酸、ベンガントリカルボン酸からなる群 [0034] 上記のようなモノマー成分からなるポリエ ステル樹脂の中でも、多価アルコール成分としてピスフ より選択される少なくとも1種を主成分として得られた エノールAアルキレンオキサイド付加物を主成分とし、 ポリエステル樹脂が好ましい。

という) およびポリオキシエチレン(2,2)-2,2-ビス(4 のとき、POよりもEOを多く用い、テレフタル敵よりもフ ァル酸を多く用いることがさらに好ましい。 所望の粉砕 **り酸を用いて得られたポリエステル樹脂が好ましい。** こ **在指数を維持しつの、ガラス転移点が描くなりすぎない** い、多価カルボン酸成分としてテレフタル酸およびファ **多角アケリーケ成分としたポリオキシプロピアン (2,2)** -2,2-ビス(4-ヒドロキシフェニル)プロパン (「PO」 [0035] 低温定着性のさらなる向上の観点からは、 -ヒドロキシフェニル)プロパン (「EO」という) を用 ようにするためである。

ステル樹脂を用いる場合、その酸価は3~30KOHmg/g、好 [0036] パインダー樹脂として上記のようなポリエ ましくは3~20KOHmg/gであることが望ましい。そのよう な酸価のポリエステル樹脂を用いることにより、カーボ ンプラックを含む顔料や帯電制御剤の分散性を向上させ るとともに、より十分な帯電量を有するトナーを得るこ

[0037] 本発明においては特に、熟ローラ定着用ト ナーとしての定着性、耐オフセット性を向上させ、かつ **沢性を制御するために、ポリエステル樹脂として軟化点 猛光性を必要とするフルカラートナーにおいて画像の光** の異なる2種類のポリエステル樹脂を使用してもよい。

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このとき、それらの混合樹脂の酸価が上配範囲内であれ

[0038] 本発明で使用される着色剤としては、従来 からフルカラートナー用の着色剤として使用されている 公知の顱料及び染料が使用可能である。例えば、カーボ トグリーンオキサレート、ランブブラック、ローズベン ト・イエロー155、C. J. ピグメント・イエロー180、C. J. ・レッド122, C.I. ピグメント・レッド57:1, C.I. ピク 93、C.I. ピグメント・イエロー97、C.I. ピグメント・イ アグメント・イエロー185、C.I. ソルベント・イエロー1 し、カルコイルブルー、クロムイエロー、ウルトラマリ メチレングルークロリド、超フタロシアニン、マラガイ ガル、C.1. ピグメント・レッド48:1、C.1. ピグメント メント・レッド184、C.1. ピグメント・イエロー12、C. I. ピグメント・イエロー17、C.1. ピグメント・イエロー **エロー109C.1. ピグメント・イエロー110, C.1. ピグメン** 62, C.I. ピグメント・ブルー15:1, C.I. ピグメント・ ブルー15:3等を挙げることができる。 黒トナーにおい ンブラック、秸性炭、チタンプラック、アニリンプル ングパー、ゲュボンオイグレッド、キノリンイエロー、 2

ト、鉄等、公知の磁性体微粒子が使用可能である。磁性 粒子の平均粒径は製造時における分散性を得る意味にお **インダー抽脂100角曲部に対して0.5~10恒由部、好サし** び画像形成時の最大付着鱼に応じて適宜、決定されれば 【0039】着色剤の含有量は、着色剤の題へい力およ よいが、本発明においては比較的多量の着色剤を充填し ては、各種カーボンプラック、活性段、チタンプラック 毎の着色剤の一部または全部を磁性体と置き換えてもよ い。磁性体としては、例えば、フェライト、マグネタイ トナーに非路柱トナーとしての犂柱を存たせしし、最散 防止等の観点で磁性体を添加する場合、その添加盘はバ くは0.5~8重量部、より好ましくは1~5重量部である。 いて好ましくは1ヵ4以下、発に0.5ヵ4以下が留ましい。 ば、彼配録材に対するトナーの最大付着量が $4g/\mathrm{n}^2$ のと ても、各色のトナーの帯電性はほとんど変わらないた め、比較的多く用いることがより効果的である。例え き、C.1. ピグメント・レッド57:1は4~8重由部の館 22 ဓ္က

囲、C. I. ピグメント・イエロー180は6. 5~12宜盘部の範 鬼練した後、粉砕して得られるマスターバッチとして使 用されることが好ましく、そのときの使用盘は得られる **囲、C. 1. ピグメント・ブルー15:3は5. 5~10重由部の範** なお、マゼンタ、シアンおよびイエローのトナーに使用 される着色剤は、使用されるパインダー樹脂と予め溶融 トナー中の着色剤含有盘が上配飾囲内になればよい。 囲で使用される(基準はパインダー樹脂100重盘部)

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トナーの色調、透光性に悪影撃を及ぼさない無色、白 [0040] トナーには所望により帯電制御剤および艦 ーおよびイエロートナー用の特配制御包としては、カラ 型剤を含有させてもよい。 マゼンタトナー、シアントナ 色または淡色の帯電制御剤が使用可能であり、例えば、

スアレーン系化合物、有機ホウ葉化合物、含フッ葉4級 アンモニウム塩茶化合物等が好適に用いられる。上記サ リチル酸金属錯体としては例えば特開昭53-127726号公 報、特開昭62-145255号公報等に記載のものが、カリッ **号公報等に記載のものが、有機ホウ葉化合物としては例 サリチル酸粘導体の亜鉛やクロムの金属錯体、カリック** クスアレーン系化合物としては例えば特別平2 201378 えば特開平2-221967号公報に記載のものが使用可能で

上および定着ローラからの分離性の向上の観点から、低 【0041】離型剤としてワックスを使用する。 ワック ポリプロピレンワックス、カルナパワックス、ライスワ ックス、サゾールワックス、モンタン採エステルワック ス、フィッシャートロプシュワックス、パラフィンワッ クス等を挙げることができる。低温定着性のさらなる向 **融点のワックスを用いることが好ましく、特に好ましい** ワックスの融点は50~90℃である。 雄型剤の添加量はバ スとしては静電荷像現像用トナーの分野で公知のワック インダー樹脂100重盘部に対して0.5~5重盘部が望まし スが使用可能であり、例えば、ポリエチレンワックス、

5μロである。粒径が小さすぎるとトナーの装面積の増大 によりトナー間付着力が高すぎ、保管時および補給、現 【0042】トナーを得るに際しては、まず、上記のバ の他の胚加剤、倒えば、離型剤、帯電制御剤等をヘンツ 公知の現棟装置によって容融混練し、帝却して、説樉物 より瞬間的加熱処理する。本発明においてトナー粒子の 像時の凝集が課題となる。粒径が大きすぎると、フルカ ラー画像として必要な粒状性 (キメの細かさ) のレベケ が違成できない。瞬間的加熱処理を行うための装置とし 体積平均粒径は最終的に、3~7.5μm、好ましくは4~6. ては、例えば、サフュージングシステム(日本ニューァ インダー樹脂、魚合体 (B) 、および着色剤ならびにそ を得る。吹いた、熊林物を、粉砕および分級し、所望に ェルミキサー等の公知の混合装置によって混合した後 チック工業社製)が使用可能である。

毎の各種チタン酸化合物、二硫化モリブデン等の各種硫 ば、段化ケイ繋、段化ホウ繋、炭化チタン、炭化ジルコ 【0043】トナーには、流動性やクリーニンが柱の付 ニウム、炭化ハフニウム、炭化パナジウム、炭化タンタ ル、炭化ニオブ、炭化タングステン、炭化クロム、炭化 モリプテン、胶化カルシウム、ダイヤモンドカーボンラ カタム毎の各種段化物、蛮化ホウ蟒、蛮化チタン、蛮化 ジルコニウム毎の各種盆化物、ホウ化ジルコニウム毎の 各種ホウ化物、酸化チタン、酸化カルシウム、酸化マグ カ、コロイダルシリカ毎の各種酸化物、チタン酸カルシ ウム、チタン酸マグネシウム、チタン酸ストロンチウム を添加することが好ましい。 無機微粒子としては、例え ネシウム、酸化亜鉛、酸化酶、酸化アルミニウム、シリ 与を目的として、各種有機/無機の微粒子(後処理剤)

ム、ステアリン酸亜鉛、ステアリン酸マグネシウム等の 化物、フッ化マグネシウム、フッ化炭翠等の各種フッ化 物、ステアリン酸アルミニウム、ステアリン酸カルシウ 各種金属石鹸、滑石、ペントナイト等の各種非磁性無機 徴粒子を単独あるいは組み合わせて用いることができ

ラミン、テフロン (登録商標) 、シリコン、ポリエチレ ルミナ、酸化亜鉛等は、耐熱保管性および耐環境安定性 プリング館、シリコーンオイル、シリコーンワニス等の カップリング剤、フッ葉系シリコーンオイル、アミノ基 や第4級アンモニウム塩基を有するカップリング剤、変 [0044] 有機微粒子としては、クリーニング助剤等 の目的で乳化重合法、ソープフリー乳化重合法、非水分 散重合注等の過式重合法、気相法等により造粒した、ス 【0045】無機微粒子、特にシリカ、酸化チタン、ア の観点から、シランカップリング剤、チタネート采カッ 従来から使用されている疎水化処理剤、フッ繋系シラン 性シリコーンオイル等の処理剤を用いて公知の方法で表 **チレン珠、 (メタ) アクリル珠、ペンングアナミン、1** ン、ポリプロピレン等の徴粒子を用いることができる。 面処理されていることが好ましい。

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各トナーにおいて種類および母が「略同一」または「同 るものとする。後処理剤の種類は粒子の原材料が数され れぞれそれらの平均値の±20%の範囲内であることを意 【0046】本発明においてはマゼンタトナー、シアン トナーおよびイエロートナーに外添される微粒子(後処 理剤)の構成を略同一、好ましくは同一とすることがで きる。ここで、構成が「略同一」または「同一」は、各 トナーにおいてトナー100重量部に対して0.3重量部以上 **添加された全ての後処理剤を対象に判断され、それぞれ** 一」の後処理剤が共通して添加されていることを意味す る化学式および平均1次粒径を包含して意味するものと し、特に後処理剤の種類が略同一とは、要面処理の有無 にかかわらず粒子原材料が同一の化学式で安せ、かつ数 同一の化学式で要される後処理剤の各トナーにおける平 均一次粒径がそれぞれそれらの平均値の±20%の範囲内 であることを意味する。また、後処理剤の量が略同一と は、上記同一の化学式で数される後処理剤の各トナーに おける添加量(トナー100重盘部に対する添加量)がそ

味する。後処理剤の構成がトナーの色ごとに異なるとト め、現像条件等をトナーの色ごとに設計する必要が生じ る。本発明においてプラックトナーは低コスト化のため ナーの現像性および転写性がトナーの色ごとに変わるた に上記のマゼンタトナー、シアントナーおよびイエロー トナーと別数計のトナーであってよいが、同様に設計さ

【0047】上記微粒子はトナー100重量的に対して0.0 5~5重量部、好ましくは0.1~3重量部添加されることが 望ましい。上記欲粒子は2種以上組み合わせて使用され てよく、その場合にはそれらの合計量が上記範囲内であ

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るキャリア、このような磁性体粒子を樹脂で被覆してな とができ、例えば鉄やフェライト等の磁性体粒子からな る樹脂コートキャリア、あるいは磁性体粒子の微粉末を **宿着樹脂中に分散してなるパインダー型キャリア等を使** 用することができる。これらのキャリアの中でも、被覆 **樹脂としたシリューンKA粗脂、オクガノポリシロキサン** とピニル系単量体との共宜合樹脂(グラフト樹脂)また はポリエステル系樹脂を用いた樹脂コートキャリアを使 用することがトナースペント等の観点から好ましく、特 にオルガノポリシロキサンとピニル茶単曲体との共竄合 樹脂にイソシアネートを反応させて得られた樹脂で被獲 したキャリアが、耐久性、耐蝦境安定性及び耐スペント る単量体が好ましく使用される。また、キャリアの体質 成分現像剤用のキャリアとして公知のものを使用するこ ソシアネートと反応性を有する水酸基等の置換基を有す 用いるために使用されるキャリアとしては、従来より2 吐の観点から好ましい。 上記ピニル米単曲体としてはイ 平均粒径は20~100~m、好ましくは20~60~mのものを 【0048】以上のようなトナーを2成分現像剤として

[0049]次いで、本発明のフルカラー画像形成方法 は、公知のフルカラー画像形成方法において、上述した シアントナーおよびイエロートナーの被配録材に対する 最大付着量を比較的小さい値に制御することを特徴とす ような現像剤を使用すること、およびマゼンタトナー、 について説明する。本発明のフルカラー画像形成方法

はこのように特定の現像剤を特定の「被配録材に対する [0050] 詳しくは、静電潜像担持体(感光体)上に 程、および静電潜像担特体上に形成されたトナー像を中 間転写体を介してまたは介さずに被配録材上に転写する 工程を、現像剤の色ごとに繰り返して行い、被記録材上 およびイエロートナーの被配録材に対する最大付着量を トナーの最大付着盘」で用いることにより、高画質なフ **ルカラー画像を高速かり安価で整供することが可能にな** 定着が困難になり、十分な定着を達成するには比較的高 に転写されたトナー像を定着することを含むフルカラー 画像形成方法において、々ゼンタトナー、シアントナー ましくは3.0~4.8g/m2の値に制御する。本発明において それぞれ5.0g/m2以下、好ましくは2~5.0g/m2、より好 る。上記付着量が5.0g/m²を越えると、比較的低温での め、フルカラー画像形成の髙遠化と低コスト化を同時に 階像を形成し、該階像を上述した現像剤で現像する工 い定着温度および/または比較的長い時間を要するた

によって状定される。

タトナー、シアントナーおよびイエロートナーの「被配 **材に対するトナーの最大付着量」で用いるとき、マゼン** [0051] 本発明において前記現像剤を上記「被配録

遊成することができない。

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するトナーの最大付着量を変更することなく、英画質な さを軽減しながら、祐画質なフルカラー画像を祐遠から の値に制御することにより、トナーごとに被配録材に対 フルカラー画像を髙速かつ安価で提供することが可能に 段材に対する最大付着量」をそれぞれそれらの平均値の すなわち、現像時におけるトナーごとの条件散定の煩雑 女価で遊供することが可能になる。 本籍明においてはさ ナーの被記録材に対する最大付着量を上記範囲内の同一 +5%の範囲内とすることによって、現像時におけるト ナーごとの条件設定の煩雑さを騒域することができる。 ちに、マゼンタトナー、シアントナーおよびイエロー

ことが好ましい。そのように制御することにより、さら することが可能になるためである。このためには着色材 [0052] 本発明においてはプラックトナーの被配録 ーおよびイエロートナーの最大付着量と同様に制御する に容易に英画質なフルガラー画像を祐遠かつ安価で雄供 **材に対する最大付着曲も、々ゼンタトナー、シアントナ** としてカーボンプラックを用いる時は十分にカーボンブ

の最大量」であって、フルカラー画像形成装置において [0053] 本発明において「トナーの被配録材に対す る最大付着盘」は、「最終的に被配録材上に載るトナー 各トナーごとに予め設定される条件の一つである。 ラックを分散させることが望ましい。

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使用することが高画質の確保とキャリアかぶり防止の観

点から好ましい。

の最大量(以下、感光体最大付着量という)」ならびに 体を用いない場合) 」または「静電潜像担持体から中間 転写体への転写効率および中間転写体から被記録材への 転写効率 (中間転写体を用いる場合) 」に依存して決定 される。感光体最大付着量は静電潜像担持体における画 像部の電位および非画像部の電位、現像剤担持体の装面 アの磁力、キャリアの抵抗、現像剤担特体上への現像剤 「静電潜像担持体から被配録材への転写効率(中間転写 電位、静電潜像担持体と現像剤担持体との距離、キャリ の搬送量、現像剤担持体と静電階像担持体との周選比等 は「現像によって静電階像担持体に付着され得るトナー 【0054】「トナーの被配録材に対する投大付着曲」 ಜ

欧光体ドラムの成光体 (静電階像担待体) を一次帯電器 上に静電樹像を形成する。次に、マゼンタトナーを含む 現像剤を保有するマゼンタ現像器により眩静電階像の現 後、蚊マゼンタトナー像を転写帯電器により、搬送され てきた被記録材に転写する。一方、マゼンタトナー像が 転写された後の戯光体ドラムは、除電用帯電器により除 [0055]以下、上記画像形成方法を用いてフルカラ **にせったも一に特色し、原稿のレガンタ画像信中にトダ** 闘されたレーザー光により画像鷗光を行い、感光ドラム 像を行い、 戯光ドラム上にマゼンタトナー像を形成した **聞され、クリーニング手段によってクリーニングされ 一画像を形成する場合について簡単に説明する。先ず** 6

る。その後は、上記のマゼンタトナー像の形成方法と同

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シアン画像信号を用いた画像臨光による感光体ドラム上 数静電階像の現像を行った後、上記のマゼンタトナー像 一像の形成を頃衣、上配のマゼンタトナー像の形成方法 に転写し、転写されたフルカラー画像を定塔ローラー等 への静電潜像の形成、シアントナーを含む現像剤による が転写されている被配録材へのシアントナー像の転写を 行う。更に、イエロートナー像の形成及びブラックトナ と同様にして行い、4色のカラートナー画像を被配録材 核にして、再び核光体ドラムの一次帯電器による帯電、 による加圧および加熱によって定着する。

問題はない。また、上記説明においては、被記録材へ直 接的に各カラートナー画像を順次転写する構成を示した が、中間転写ベルト等の中間転写体へ各カラートナー画 【0056】各カラー画像の形成順序は変更しても特に 像を重ね合わせて順次転写した後、重ね合わせ画像を一 右した被記録 なく 精神 したも 思い。

剤の帯電特性が変動し、「感光体最大付着量(トナーの 被配録材に対する最大付着量)」が変動することがある ため、定期的に複数の異なる色のトナーのそれぞれにつ いて自動濃度制御(感光体最大付着量の自動制御)を行 【0057】本発明のフルカラー画像形成方法を実際に 実施するに際しては、当該方法を採用した装置の使用環 (温度、湿度等) の変化に伴い、感光体の感度や現像 うことが好ましい。

により、膨光体最大付着量を規定の値に補正することで [0058] 自動線度制御とは、所定の現像条件により し、数据準トナー像の付着量に基心にて静電階像担特体 持体の接面電位等の可変な現像条件を適宜変更すること における画像部の配位および非画像部の電位、現像剤担 静電階像担持体上に基準トナー像(ベタ画像)を形成

【0059】好ましい極様においは、上記自動濃度制御 静電潜像相特体の表面電位を表面電位測定手段により測 定し、その測定値を配億手段に配憶させるとともに、数 **測定値と記憶手段に記憶されている前回の測定値とを比** 数し、その変動量が所定の値よりも大きい場合には前記 自動機度制御を実行し、所定の値よりも小さい場合には を行う一方で、一定周期毎に、所定の条件で帯観された

1記自動機展制御を採行さずに相回の現像条件を維持す **ホ"リエステル**

(KOHmg/g) 大駅疳 27.4 (KOHmg/g) 极色 98.0 64. 5 100. 2 δ 55.4 ည Ţ, 3.8 Wh Mw/Mn 1.0 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 3500 | 3.6 3900 9.0 TN2-N成分 一酸成分 F.A 1:0 2 10.0 5 故語 A2 Ā

【0064】 (風合体 (B) の製造)

トクレーブに仕込み提拌下に温度を5℃に保ちながらB スチレン (純度99.9%) 150gおよびトルエン150gをオー

化ナトリウム水溶液50m1を加えて30分間激しく攪拌して 50 触媒を分解した後、水陽を分離し、更に重合油を中性に F.3ーフェノール錯体1.5g を少量ずつ約10分間で滴下し た。その後、更に3時間慢枠を続行した。次に5%水酸

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枚目の画像が出力するまでに数十秒の待ち時間が発生す るが、上記のような静電潜像担持体の要面電位の変動量 に応じた制御を行うと、比較的効果の小さい自動濃度制 **卸は行われなくなり、結果として自動濃度制御の実行回** kるように制御する。自動設度制御を実行するときは、1 数が有効に低減されるため、作業能率が向上する。

【0060】別の好ましい態様においては、自動濃度制 脚を実行する際、前記静電潜像担特体の要面電位の変動 由に応じて、複数の異なる色のトナーのそれぞれについ て基準トナー像を形成して現像条件を設定する第1のモ いてのみ基準トナー像を形成して現像条件を設定し、か ードと、複数の異なる色のトナーのうちの所定の色につ かる所定の色の現像条件に基づいて、その他の色の現像 条件を設定する第2のモードとを選択する。このような 静電階像担持体の要面電位の変動量に基づく選択を行う と、必ずしも全ての色のトナーについて自動濃度制御を 行う必要ななくなり、結果として自動濃度制御の実行回 数が有効に低域されるため、作業能率が向上する。

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しい態様を組み合わせて採用することにより、作数効率 【0061】本発明の方法においては、上記2つの好ま

のさらなる向上を図りながら、長期にわたって萬画質な フルカラー画像を高速かり安価で提供できる。 [0062]

【実施例】(パインダー樹脂(ポリエステル樹脂)の製 つ反応させて、ポリエステル樹脂A1およびA2を得た。得 造)温度計、攪拌器、流下式コンデンサーおよび窒珠導 (ジプチル錫オキサイド) とともに入れた。これをマン -2,2-ビス(4-ヒドロキシフェニル) プロパンを、EO **はポリオキシエチレン(2,2) -2,2-ピス(4-ヒドロキシ** トルヒーター中で貧緊雰囲気下にて、220℃で撹拌しつ 入笛を取り付けたガラス製4つロフラスコに、要1に示 られたポリエステル樹脂は蛩1に示す通りの物性を有し ていた。なお、数中、POはポリオキシプロピレン(2,2) **ナモル比でアルコール成分および酸成分を重合開始剤** フェニル)プロパンを、TPAはテレフタル酸を、FAはフ マル酸を安す。

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	B2	なり - a - メチルスチレン	0087	1500	1.9	75	0.5
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	B2	まりスチレン	006	650	1.4	40	0.2
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ignent Blue15-3 (大日本インキ社製)、C.I.Pigment R してはC.I.Pigment Yellow180(ヘキスト社製)、C.I.P [0010] (顔料マスターパッチの製造) フルカラー トナーの製造に使用する類料は以下の方法によって得ら れる顔料マスターバッチとして用いた。各実施例または 脂: 類料)7:3の割合で加圧ニーダーに仕込み、120℃で 料含有率30重量%の顔料マスターパッチを得た。顔料と |時間既練した。帝却後、ハントーミルで粗粉砕し、顔 比較例で使用するパインダー樹脂と顔料を重量比(樹 əd57-1 (大日本インキ社製) を用いた。

[0071] h7-MI

ポリエステル樹脂A1および顔料マスターバッチを、ポリ エステル樹脂A1;100宜量部およびC. I. Pigment Red57-

後、粗粉砕および微粉砕して、体積平均粒径5.5μmの粉 3) 2.0重量部を添加し、ヘンジェルミキサーで混合処理 1;5重量部となるように用い、これに樹脂B1を10重量部 **添加し、ヘンシェルミキサーで配合した後、エクストル** μ=のトナー粒子を得た。このトナー粒子100m量部に対 **チタン数ストロンチウム(粒径350㎡、BET比数面積9m2/** 砕物を得た。その後、粉砕物を分級して体積平均粒径6 問、禄木柱殷化チタン(粒頌20m)0.9**面**曲部、および して、疎水性シリカ (H2000;ヘキスト社製) 0.9塩盘 **一ダにより容融混練した。得られた混練物を吊却した** 9

した後、ロゼンタトナー (MI) を得た。 [0072] トナーバおよびCI

極料マスターパッチを変更し、ポリエステル樹脂A1およ

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よるまで水洗した後、米反応油および溶媒トルエンを留 去し、残渣としてポリスチレン120gを得た。当核ポリ ァーを樹脂BIとし、物性を表2に示した。

[0065]・樹脂82

トルエン500gを三つロフラスコに入れ、撹弁下に三弗索 ・アセトン浴で帝却しながら3時間反応させた。次にNa 後、水相を分離して抽状の重合物を得た。さらに抽状の **組合物を中性になるまで水洗した後、未反応油および浴** 媒を加熱域圧留去し、残強として白色塊状のαーメチル スチワンーインプロペークトクエンーインプレン共伍合

て得られるC5系石油留分 (イソプレン) 120g、および

OH水溶液を添加し、微しく撹拌して触媒を分解した

メンプロペーケトケHン (落取38%) 2008、ローメサア スチレン (純度98%) 200g、石油ナフサの敷分解によっ

* [0067]・樹脂B4

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機料して触媒を分解した後、水陽を分離し、更に重合。 油を中性になるまで水洗した後、未反応油および溶媒ト ルエンを留去し、残准としてポリ-α-メチルスチレン12 間で滴下した。その後、更に3時間攪拌を統行した。次 0gを得た。当該ポリマーを樹脂R2とし、物性を扱2に示 α - メチルスチレン (純度99.8%) 150gおよびトルエン 150gをオートクレープに仕込み攪拌下に温度を5℃に保 ちながちBF3-フェノール錯体1.58を少量ずつ約10分 に5%木酸化ナトリウム水溶液50m1を加えて30分間激し

[0066]・樹脂路

を失活させて除去し、溶媒と未反応モノマーとを追い出 ルトルエン250gおよびトルエン500gを三つロフラスコに 入れ、撹件下に三弗架ホウ聚フェノール錯体を少量ろつ 密加し、ドライアイス・アセトン浴で発却しながら20℃ すために鎌縮し、残渣としてローメチルスチレンーイン プロペニルトルエン共重合体を得た。 当数ポリマーを樹 ローメチケスチフン (落取39.8%) 250g、 インプロペー で3時間反応させた。次いで、アルカリを添加して触媒 脂B3とし、物性を表2に示した。

反応時間を2時間とした以外は、樹脂81と同じ製法でポ [0068]・樹脂85

体を得た。当骸ポリマーを樹脂R4とし、物性を殺2に示

リスチレンを得た。当該ポリマーを樹脂RGとし、物性を

数2に示した。

ポリ−αーメケルスチレンを得た。当該ポリマーを樹脂B 反応時間を4.5時間とした以外は、樹脂B2と同じ製法で 5とし、物性を扱2に示した。 8

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ポリエステル樹脂A1;100重量部およびC. I. Pignent Blu 最節およびC.I. bigment Yellow180;8.5重量都、または 815-3;7重量部となるように用いたこと以外は、トナー び顔料マスターバッチを、ポリエステル樹脂A1;100<u>角</u> MIと同様の製法により、トナーYIおよびCIを得た。

ステル樹脂A1;100重量部およびカーボンプラック;8重 ポリエステル樹脂AIおよびカーボンプラックを、ポリエ 類料マスターバッチをカーボンプラック (モーガル): キャポット社製;pH2.5;平均1次粒径24回)に変更し、 [0073] >+-KI

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たこと以外は、トナーY1と同様の製法により、トナーY2 **量部となるように用いたこと以外は、トナーN1と同様の** り、トナーM2~M12を得た。トナーY2~Y12按3~按5に示 らびに顔料マスターパッチを、表記したトナー組成とな るように用いたこと以外は、トナーMIと同様の製法によ スターパッチを、変配したトナー組成となるように用い 数3~数5に示したパインダー樹脂および<u>監合体(B)な</u> したパインダー 柑脂および 亀合体 (B) ならびに 顔料マ 製缶により、トナーKIを得た。 [0074] FT-M2-M12

らびに顔料マスターパッチを、妻配したトナー組成とな るように用いたこと以外は、トナーCIと同様の製法によ 扱3~扱5に示したパインダー樹脂および重合体 (B) な [0075] h+-c2~c12 り、トナーC2~C12を得た。 ~Y12を得た。

らびにカーボンブラックを、数配したトナー組成となる **数3~数5に示したパインダー樹脂および重合体 (B) な** ように用いたこと以外は、トナーKIと同様の製法によ り、トナーK2~K12を得た。

1-K2~K12

各実施例または比較例では、投3~投5に示したトナーを [0076] 実施例および比較例

【0077】 (生産性) 試料 (トナー組成物 (混練冷却 8/h) 、KIM回転数12000 (rbm) にて铅砕する際に、試萃 **通過無し時の負荷動力値WOと試料を通過させた時の負荷** 様式粉砕機(KTN-0型:川崎宜工業社製)で処理量F(5k フェザーミルで2mmメッシュパスしたもの)) を被 組み合わせて用い、以下の項目について評価した。

**物の体徴平均粒径D (μm) をマルチサイザーII (コール ターイックレン社製)に
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ト** 粉砕粒指数を貸出し、以下のランク付けにしたがって評 **笛した。なお、評価は各トナーについて行い、平均値に** 動力値MIを記録した。その後、KTM粉砕で得られた粉砕

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×;H<0.5 (柔らかすぎる)、または2.0≤H (硬すぎ O;0.5≤H<1.0、または1.5≤H<2.0;

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で24時間放置した後、トナーの凝集状態を目視で観察し た。なお、評価は各トナーについて行い、最も悪い結果 【0079】 (耐熱保管性) トナー10gを50℃の高温下 を示した。

◎: 疑集物は全く見られなかった;

〇:疑集物が存在するが、弱い衝撃でほぐれた;

×:凝集物が存在し、容易にほぐれなかった。

た。なお、評価は各トナーについて行い、最も悪い結果 【0080】 (特電性) 各トナーの帯電量の測定を電界 ンアントナーおよびブラックトナーの帯電量から平 均値を求めた。各トナーの帯電量と当該平均値との差を を示した。キャリアはアクリル変性シリコーンコートフ 求め、平均値に対する当該整の割合 (X(%))を求め た。当該割合を以下のランク付けにしたがって評価し 分離法により行った。マゼンタトナー、イエロートナ エライトキャリアを用いた。

©; -6≤X<≤5 (%) ;

O;-10≤X<-5 (%) または5<X≤10 (%)

【0081】以下の評価では、トナーをアクリル安性シ x;X<-10 (%) または10<X (%)。 8

リコーンコートフェライトキャリアとトナー混合比が5 **飯量%になるように調合して得られた2成分現像剤を用** 【0082】 (粒状柱) マゼンタ、イエロー、シアンお よびブラックの2成分現像剤を、トナー最大付着量が装3 ~要5に示す値に数定されたデジタルフルカラー複写機 (CF910;ミノルタ社製) に搭載し、電子写真学会チャ

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△;定着下限温度が155℃以上165℃未満であった(実用 〇;定着下限温度が145℃以上155℃未満であった ◎;定着下限温度が145℃未満であった;

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時間熟成させた。得られた樹脂に対して、架楯剤として **メンギロンジインシヤネート/トリメチローケプロペン** 専が1/1となるように観覧した後メチルエチルケトンで

アダクト (IPDI/TMP系:NCO%=6.1%) をOH/NCOモル比 希釈して固定比8重量%であるコート樹脂溶液を観製し [0088] コア材として焼成フェライト粉F-800 (体 積平均粒径:50μm、パウダーテック社製)を用い、上 記コート樹脂溶液をコア材に対する被罹樹脂量が1.5位

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虽%になるようにスピラコーター (岡田樽工社製) によ プン中にて160℃で1時間放置して粧成した。 帝却後フェ ッシュを取り付けたフルイ扱とう器を用いて解砕し、ア

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[0089] (他の測定方法)

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コール路液で満定し、N/10木酸化カリウム/アルコール 【0090】・トナーの粒径はコールターマルチサイザ 容液の消費量から算出した値である。 -11を用いて測定した。

・無機微粒子の平均粒径は透過型電子顕微鏡(JEM-1010 型;日本電子データム社製)で観察し、粒子100個の直 径を測定し、平均粒径を求めた。

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比較例5

比較例4

【発明の効果】本発明により、高面質なフルカラー画像 を高速かつ安価で提供できる。

【0081】(アクリル変性シリコーンコートフェライ

トの製造)撹拌器、コンデンサー、温度計、窒菜導入

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(54) METHOD FOR FORMING FULL-COLOR IMAGE

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a method for forming a full-color image by which highquality full-color images can be fast obtained at a low cost.

SOLUTION: In the method for forming a full-color image, a magenta developer containing a magenta toner, a cyan developer containing a cyan toner, a yellow developer containing a yellow toner, and a black developer containing a black toner are used as the developer. Each toner has 3 to 7.5 μ m volume average particle size contains at least 100 pts.wt. of a binder resin, 1 to 20 pts.wt. of a polymer (B) having 1,000 to 3,000 weight average mol.wt. and ≤2.0 ratio of weight average mol.wt./number average mol.wt., and a coloring agent. Each maximum deposition amount of the magenta toner, cyan toner and yellow toner on the recording material is controlled to ≤ 5.0 g/m².

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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The process which forms a latent image on an electrostatic latent-image support, and develops this latent image with a developer, And the process imprinted on a recorded material, without minding the toner image formed on the electrostatic latent-image support through a middle imprint object It is the full color image formation method including the toner image which carried out repeatedly for every color of a developer and was imprinted on the recorded material being established. The Magenta developer which contains a Magenta toner as a developer, the cyano developer containing a cyano toner, While each toner has 3–7.5 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters using the yellow developer containing a yellow toner, and the black developer containing a black toner at least — a binder — a resin — 100 — a weight — the section — weight average molecular weight — 1000 – 3000 — and — weight average molecular weight — 2.0 — less than — a polymer — (— B —) — one — 20 — a weight — the section — and — a coloring agent — containing — becoming — The full color image formation method characterized by controlling the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner to a two or less 5.0 g/m value, respectively.

[Claim 2] The full color image formation method according to claim 1 characterized by controlling the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner to the two or less 5.0 g/m same value.

[Claim 3] The full color image formation method according to claim 1 or 2 that a polymer (B) is the homopolymer or copolymer of an aromatic monomer and/or an aliphatic monomer.

[Claim 4] the claims 1-3 whose glass transition points of a binder resin are 50-60 degrees C — the full color image formation method given in either

[Claim 5] the kind and amount of an after-treatment agent of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner — abbreviation — the same claims 1-4 — the full color image formation method given in either

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[The technical field to which invention belongs] this invention relates to the full color image formation method.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Generally, the full color image formation method forms a latent image on an electrostatic latent-image support (photo conductor), and comes to contain the process (development process) which develops this latent image with a toner, the process (imprint process) imprinted on a recorded material, without minding the toner image formed on the electrostatic latent-image support through a middle imprint object, and the process (fixing process) established in the toner image on a recorded material. After developing negatives for every color and piling up a toner layer on a recorded material in detail using the toner of four colors of a Magenta color, a yellow color, a cyano color, and a black color, a toner layer is established by pressurization and heating. It is common in a binder resin, a coloring agent, etc. coarse grinding melting and after kneading and cooling, and to pulverize, to classify by request and to obtain the toner used for such an image formation method at least.

[0003] In recent years, in the field of the above full color image formation methods, improvement in the speed and low-cost-izing of image formation are demanded of the high definition-ized row of a picture, and various attempts are made about the image formation process and the toner.

[0004] For example, in order to attain high definition-ization of a picture, it is known that it is effective to make the mean particle diameter of a toner small. However, since the specific surface area of a toner increased by minor diameter-ization of a toner, there was an inclination for the amount of toner electrifications per unit weight to become high. When the amount of electrifications became high too much, the problem that the amount of development was restricted and desired picture concentration was not obtained arose. Then, in order to prevent the fall of picture concentration, in JP,9-114127,A, the attempt which specifies the volume mean particle diameter of a toner, a color-material content, and the toner weight of the solid section on tracing paper is made. According to this convention, also in the diameter toner of a granule, desired picture concentration is securable by raising a color-material content. However, if a color-material content was raised, since the electric charge nature of a toner would be greatly influenced by the electric charge performance which color material has, the maximum coating weight of development conditions and a toner [especially as opposed to a recorded material] needed to be changed comparatively greatly for every toner. If the difference of the maximum coating weight of a toner to the recorded material for every toner is too large, the conditioning for every toner at the time of development is complicated, and improvement in the speed and low-cost-izing of full color image formation cannot be attained. Moreover, the amount of electrifications needed to be adjusted with material other than color material for

every toner at the time of toner manufacture.

[0005] Moreover, in the manufacturing process of a ground type toner, although the pulverizing process had required the long time comparatively, it was difficult for pulverizing to take a long time further to minor diameter-ization of a toner, and for productivity to fall, and to attain low-cost-ization as a result. Then, the technology of making the toner constituent before kneading containing a specific petroleum resin, and raising the grindability of a toner constituent is reported by JP,11-65161,A. Here, in order to secure the preservation stability of a toner as a binder resin, a resin 60 degrees C or more is used for a glass transition point. However, when the toner by the technology concerned was used, fixing took the long time comparatively, and improvement in the speed of full color image formation was not attained.

[0006] In order to attain improvement in the speed of full color image formation, increasing the color-material content of a toner and reducing the coating weight of a toner to a recorded material and lowering the melting start temperature of a toner binder resin are proposed. However, if the coating weight of a toner was reduced, in order that the number of composition toners per pixel might decrease, there was a problem that the graininess of the picture acquired got worse. That is, the coarse picture of a texture was acquired. Moreover, when melting start temperature used the low binder resin comparatively, there was a problem that toner condensation tends to take place. That is, when a toner was comparatively saved under an elevated temperature, condensation took place, and condensation took place by churning into the development counter.

[0007]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] this invention is made in view of the above-mentioned situation, and it aims at offering the full color image formation method that it is high-speed and cheap and a high definition full color picture can be offered.

[0008] Even if this invention does not change the maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material for every toner, it aims at offering the full color image formation method that it is high-speed and cheap and a high definition full color picture can be offered again.

[0009]

[Means for Solving the Problem] The process which this invention forms a latent image on an electrostatic latent-image support, and develops this latent image with a developer, And the process imprinted on a recorded material, without minding the toner image formed on the electrostatic latent-image support through a middle imprint object It is the full color image formation method including the toner image which carried out repeatedly for every color of a developer and was imprinted on the recorded material being established. The Magenta developer which contains a Magenta toner as a developer, the cyano developer containing a cyano toner, While each toner has 3-7.5 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters using the yellow developer containing a yellow toner, and the black developer containing a black toner at least -a binder -- a resin -- 100 -- a weight -- the section -- weight average molecular weight --1000 - 3000 -- and -- weight average molecular weight -- /-- number average molecular weight -- 2.0 -- less than -- a polymer -- (-- B --) -- one - 20 -- a weight -- the section -and -- a coloring agent -- containing -- becoming -- It is related with the full color image formation method characterized by controlling the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner to the value of two or less [5.0g //m], respectively.

[0010] When the specific polymer (B) was used, even if he made the toner the diameter of a granule and filled up this toner with comparatively a lot of coloring agents, the artificer of this invention etc. found out that the difference of the electrification level between the toners of each color was reduced, and found out that the purpose of this invention was attained easily by using still such a toner on specific development conditions.

[0011]

[Embodiments of the Invention] The developer used for the method of this invention may be 2

component developer which mixes a toner and a carrier and is obtained, or may be 1 component developer which uses a toner independently. Moreover, although used combining the Magenta developer which contains a Magenta toner as a developer in this invention, the cyano developer containing a cyano toner, the yellow developer containing a yellow toner, and the black developer containing a black toner, as long as it is not limited to this and can form a full color picture, you may use combining the developer of other colors.

[0012] Hereafter, although a toner is explained first, unless it mentions specially, the following explanation may be applied independently to a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, a yellow toner, and a black toner, respectively.

[0013] The toner used in this invention comes to contain a binder resin, a specific polymer (B), and a coloring agent at least. In order to use a specific polymer (B) which is explained in full detail in this invention later, a toner has the composition which the polymer (B) exposed to the particle front face. Since a toner has such composition, even if it fills up with comparatively a lot of coloring agents, the probability that a coloring agent will be exposed to the particle front face of a toner is considered that it decreases notably and the difference of the electrification level between the toners of each color based on the difference in the electrification performance of each coloring agent is reduced. Moreover, since a toner has the above composition, the effect that toner condensation stops being able to happen easily is also acquired. The effect that the productivity of a toner improves is also acquired by furthermore using a polymer (B).

[0014] If a polymer (B) is used in manufacture of a toner, in a kneading process, a polymer (B) is distributed as a particle in a binder resin, and since it is ground while a trituration side is formed so that a kneading object may connect the particulate material of a polymer (B) with a trituration process, it will be thought that the toner which has the composition which the polymer (B) exposed to the particle front face is obtained. In detail, in the place where the polymer (B) particle in a kneading object exists, since trituration takes place not through the contact surface (interface) of a binder resin and a polymer (B) particle but through the interior of a polymer (B) particle, the trituration side concerned is constituted by the polymer (B) and it is thought that a polymer (B) is exposed to a particle front face as a result.

[0015] the polymer (B) used in this invention — weight average molecular weight (Mw) — 1000–3000 — 1000–2800, and weight average molecular weight/number average molecular weight (Mw/Mn) are 1.9 or less preferably 2.0 or less If such a polymer (B) is not used, the toner of composition of having exposed to the particle front face cannot be obtained, but the difference of the electrification level between the toners of each color will need to become comparatively large, and a polymer (B) will need to change the maximum coating weight comparatively greatly for every toner, and will become complicated [the conditioning for every toner at the time of development]. Furthermore, since the glass transition point of a polymer (B) becomes it low that Mw of a polymer (B) is less than 1000, the storage nature (heat–resistant storage nature) when leaving a toner at comparatively high temperature gets worse, and use becomes difficult practically. On the other hand, if Mw exceeds 3000, the own grindability of this material will become bad and the improvement effect of the grindability by using this material will no longer be accepted.

[0016] Mw and Mn of a polymer or a resin use the value measured by the gel permeation chromatography (807–IT type; Japan a spectrum industrial company make) among this specification. In detail, the column was kept at 40 degrees C, and 30mg of samples which pass and measure a tetrahydrofuran by 10 kg/cm3 as a carrier solvent was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran 20ml, and 0.5mg of this solution was introduced with the above-mentioned carrier solvent, and it asked for it by polystyrene conversion.

[0017] As for such a polymer (B), it is preferably desirable the grindability indices 0.1–1.0 and to have 0.2–0.6. A grindability index is one index of it being ground and expressing easy, and means that it is easy to be ground, so that the value concerned is small.

[0018] The grindability index uses the value measured according to the following among this specification. In case a mechanical grinder (KTM-0 type: Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. make) grinds the sample of about 2mm of volume mean particle diameters at Throughput F (5 kg/h) and the KTM rotational frequency 12000 (rpm), the load power value W1 when passing the load power value W0 and sample at the time of sample passage nothing is recorded. Then, the volume mean particle diameter D of the trituration object obtained by KTM trituration (micrometer) is measured by the coal tar multi-sizer II (made in coal tar Beckmann). Based on the following formula, a grindability index is computed from the acquired value. Grindability index =(Dx (W1-W0))/F [0019] Moreover, as for the glass transition point (Tg) of a polymer (B), it is preferably desirable from the viewpoint of the further improvement in heat-resistant storage nature and low-temperature fixing nature that it is 60-80 degrees C more preferably 55-85 degrees C 50 degrees C or more. Among this specification, using the differential scanning calorimeter (DSC-200:SEIKO electronic company make), the glass transition point of a polymer or a resin uses a reference as an alumina, measures a 10mg sample among 20-120 degrees C on condition that 10 degrees C of programming rates, and min, and makes the shoulder value of a main endothermic peak the glass transition point. [0020] As long as it does not dissolve as a kind of polymer (B) even if melting kneading of the polymer (B) is carried out with a binder resin, and a binder resin differs from a grindability, it is not restricted, for example, the homopolymer or copolymer of a well-known aromatic monomer and/or an aliphatic monomer can be used. It means that "a binder resin differs from a grindability" has [0.5 or more / 0.7 or more] the grindability index of a polymer (B) preferably smaller than the grindability index of a binder resin here. By using the polymer (B) and binder resin which have the relation of such a grindability index, a polymer (B) can obtain effectively the toner exposed to the front face.

[0021] As an aromatic monomer, it is a general formula (1).;

[Formula 1]

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It is [the styrene system monomer expressed with (R1, R2, R3, and R4 being a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or the alkyl group of carbon numbers 1–4, for example, a methyl group, an ethyl group, n-propyl group, and n-butyl independently among a formula, respectively, and being a hydrogen atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, or a methyl group preferably), and] a general formula (2).;

[Formula 2]

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The indene system monomer expressed with (R5, R6, and R7 being a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or the alkyl group of carbon numbers 1–6, for example, a methyl group, an ethyl group, n-propyl group, n-butyl, n-pentyl machine, and n-hexyl machine independently among a formula, respectively, and being a hydrogen atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, or a methyl group preferably) is mentioned.

[0022] As an example of a styrene system monomer, for example Styrene, vinyltoluene, An alpha methyl styrene, isopropenyl toluene, beta-methyl styrene, 1-propenyl toluene, o-chloro styrene, m-chloro styrene, p-chloro styrene, alpha-chloro styrene, beta-chloro styrene,

o-bromostyrene, m-bromostyrene, p-bromostyrene, alpha-bromostyrene, beta-bromostyrene, etc. are mentioned. Preferably Styrene, vinyltoluene, an alpha methyl styrene, isopropenyl toluene, beta-methyl styrene and 1-propenyl toluene -- more -- desirable -- styrene, vinyltoluene, an alpha methyl styrene, and isopropenyl toluene -- they are styrene, an alpha methyl styrene, and isopropenyl toluene still more preferably As an example of an indene system monomer, for example, an indene, a methyl indene, an ethyl indene, etc. are mentioned, and especially an indene is desirable also in these. In this case, it is desirable when using a pure monomer with high purity stops coloring of a resin, an odor, and the amount of VOC(s) low. An aromatic monomer is independent, or may be combined and used.

[0023] As an example of an aliphatic monomer, especially if the above-mentioned aromatic monomer and a polymerization are possible, it will not be restricted. For example, an isoprene, a piperylene, 1,3-butadiene, 1, 3-pentadiene, 1, 5-hexadiene, 2, 3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, a chloroprene, Diolefin system monomers, such as 2-BUROMO-1,3-butadiene; Ethylene, A propylene, a butylene, an isobutylene, 2-methyl-butene-1, the monoolefin system monomer of 2-methylbutene-2 grade; A methyl acrylate, An ethyl acrylate, an acrylic-acid n-propyl, an acrylic-acid isopropyl, Acrylic-acid n-butyl, isobutyl acrylate, acrylic-acid t-butyl, An acrylic-acid n-pentyl, an acrylic-acid isopentyl, acrylic-acid neopentyl, Acrylic-acid 3-(methyl) butyl, an acrylic-acid hexyl, an acrylic-acid octyl, Acrylic-acid alkyl ester system monomers, such as an acrylic-acid nonyl, an acrylic-acid desyl, an acrylic-acid undecyl, and an acrylic-acid dodecyl; A methyl methacrylate, An ethyl methacrylate, a methacrylic-acid n-propyl, a methacrylic-acid isopropyl, Methacrylic-acid n-butyl, a methacrylic-acid isobutyl, methacrylic-acid t-butyl, A methacrylic-acid n-pentyl, a methacrylic-acid isopentyl, methacrylic-acid neopentyl, Methacrylic-acid 3-(methyl) butyl, a methacrylic-acid hexyl, a methacrylic-acid octyl, A methacrylic-acid nonyl, a methacrylic-acid desyl, a methacrylic-acid undecyl, Alkyl methacrylate ester system monomers, such as a methacrylic-acid dodecyl; An acrylic acid, Unsaturated-carboxylic-acid system monomers, such as a methacrylic acid, an itaconic acid, and a maleic acid; Acrylonitrile, A maleate, itaconic-acid ester, a vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, a benzoic-acid vinyl, a vinyl methyl ethyl ketone, a vinyl hexyl ketone, a vinyl methyl ether, vinyl ethyl ether, the vinyl isobutyl ether, etc. are mentioned. It is a monoolefin system monomer and a diolefin system monomer preferably, and is an isoprene preferably [it is more desirable and] to an isoprene, a piperylene, 2-methyl-butene-1, the 2-methylbutene -2, and a pan. A **** monomer is independent, or may be combined and used.

[0024] The homopolymer or copolymer of the aromatic monomer and/or aliphatic monomer whose aliphatic monomer an aromatic monomer is 1 or the monomer beyond it chosen from the group which consists of styrene, an alpha methyl styrene, and isopropenyl toluene, and is an isoprene also in the polymer (B) which consists of the above monomers is desirable.

[0025] What was compounded considering the diolefin and/or monoolefin which are contained in the decomposition oil fraction by which the byproduction was carried out as such a desirable

polymer (B) from the plant which manufactures ethylene, a propylene, etc. by steam cracking of

petroleum as a raw material may be used preferably.

[0026] Moreover, they are polystyrene and the Polly alpha methyl styrene preferably from a viewpoint which a polystyrene, Polly alpha-methyl-styrene, and styrene-alpha-methyl-styrene copolymer, an alpha-methyl-styrene-isopropenyl toluene copolymer, a styrene-isopropenyl toluene copolymer, an alpha-methyl-styrene-isopropenyl toluene-isoprene copolymer, a styrene-isopropenyl toluene-isoprene copolymer, etc. are mentioned, and reduces further the difference of the electrification level between the toners of each color as an example of the above desirable polymers (B).

[0027] When using polystyrene as a polymer (B), as for the weight average molecular weight, it is still more desirable that it is 1000–2000. Moreover, when using the Polly alpha methyl styrene as a polymer (B), as for the weight average molecular weight, it is still more desirable that it is 2000–2800.

[0028] the amount of the polymer (B) used — the binder resin 100 weight section — receiving — 1 – 20 weight section — it is 3 – 15 weight section preferably If there is too little amount used, the improvement effect of the grindability of a toner constituent will be hard to be acquired. When there is too much amount used, a toner becomes that overgrinding is easy to be carried out, and there is an inclination for toner particle size to change a lot in a development counter.

[0029] It is not restricted especially as a binder resin, but well-known synthetic resin or well-known natural resin can be used in the field of the toner for electrostatic-charge image development. For example, a polyester system resin, a styrene resin, a polyvinyl chloride, phenol resin, natural denaturation phenol resin, natural denaturation maleic resin, an acrylic resin, an methacrylic system resin, polyvinyl acetate, silicone resin, polyurethane, polyamide resin, a furan resin, an epoxy resin, a xylene resin, a polyvinyl butyral, a terpene resin, a cumarone indene resin, etc. are mentioned. Preferably, the polyester system resin which made a polyester system resin or styrene-acrylic resin graft-ize is mentioned. In this invention, it is more desirable to use a polyester system resin from a viewpoint of the further improvement in low-temperature fixing nature.

[0030] Although specifying the softening temperature of a binder resin as a means which raises the low-temperature fixing nature of a toner from the former was often performed, in this invention, it found out that the direction of a glass transition point correlated with low-temperature fixing nature well from the softening temperature of a binder resin. Therefore, as for a binder resin, in this invention, it is desirable for 45-65 degrees C of the viewpoint of the further improvement in heat-resistant storage nature and low-temperature fixing nature to glass transition points to be 50-60 degrees C preferably. In addition, as for the softening temperature of a binder resin, it is desirable that it is 120 degrees C or less from the color-reproduction nature and the glossy viewpoint of a full color picture.

[0031] The polyester resin obtained by carrying out the polycondensation of a polyhydric-alcohol component and the multiple-valued carboxylic-acid component as a polyester system resin in this invention is usable. Among polyhydric-alcohol components, as a dihydric alcohol component For example, polyoxypropylene (2 2) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, Polyoxypropylene (3 3) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, Polyoxypropylene (6) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, A polyoxyethylene (2 0) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, The bisphenol A alkylene oxide addition products, such as a polyoxyethylene (2 2) −2 and 2–screw (4–hydroxyphenyl) propane, Ethylene glycol, a diethylene glycol, a triethylene glycol, 1, 2-propylene glycol, 1, 3-propylene glycol, 1, 4-butanediol, Neopentyl glycol, 1, 4-butene diol, 1,5-pentanediol, 1, 6-hexandiol, 1, 4-cyclohexane dimethanol, a dipropylene glycol, a polyethylene glycol, a polytetramethylene glycol, bisphenol A, hydrogenation bisphenol A, etc. are mentioned. As an alcoholic component more than trivalent, they are a sorbitol, 1, 2 and 3, 6-hexane tetrol, 1, 4-sorbitan, a pentaerythritol, dipentaerythritol, tripentaerythritol, 1 and 2, 4-butane triol, 1 and 2, 5-pentanetriol, a glycerol, isobutane triol, and 2-methyl, for example. - 1, 2, 4-butane triol, trimethylolethane, a trimethylol propane, 1 and 3, 5-trihydroxy methylbenzene, etc. are mentioned.

[0032] Moreover, as a divalent carboxylic-acid component, the anhydride or low-grade alkylester of a maleic acid, a fumaric acid, a citraconic acid, an itaconic acid, a glutaconic acid, a phthalic acid, an isophthalic acid, a terephthalic acid, a cyclohexane dicarboxylic acid, a succinic acid, an adipic acid, sebacic acid, an azelaic acid, a malonic acid, an n-dodecenyl succinic acid, an iso dodecenyl succinic acid, n-dodecyl succinic acid, an iso dodecyl succinic acid, n-OKUTE nil succinic acid, an iso OKUTE nil succinic acid, n-octyl succinic acid, iso octyl succinic acids, and

[0033] As a carboxylic-acid component more than trivalent, for example 1, 2, 4-benzene tricarboxylic acid (trimellitic acid), 1, 2, 5-benzene tricarboxylic acid, 2 and 5, 7-naphthalene tricarboxylic acid, 1 and 2, 4-naphthalene tricarboxylic acid, 1, 2, 4-butane tricarboxylic acid, 1

and 2, 5-hexane tricarboxylic acid, 1 A 3-dicarboxyl-2-methyl-2-methylene carboxy propane, The anhydride of 1, 2, 4-cyclohexane tricarboxylic acid, tetrapod (methylene carboxyl) methane, 1, 2 and 7, 8-octane tetracarboxylic acid, pyromellitic acid, en pole trimer acids, and these acids, low-grade alkyl ester, etc. are mentioned.

[0034] The polyester resin obtained considering at least one sort chosen from the group which makes a principal component the bisphenol A alkylene oxide addition product as a polyhydric-alcohol component, and consists of a terephthalic acid, a fumaric acid, a dodecenyl succinic acid, and a benzene tricarboxylic acid as a multiple-valued carboxylic-acid component also in the polyester resin which consists of the above monomer components as a principal component is desirable.

[0035] The polyester resin obtained from a viewpoint of the further improvement in low-temperature fixing nature, using a terephthalic acid and a fumaric acid as a multiple-valued carboxylic-acid component, using polyoxypropylene (2 2) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane (it being called "PO") and a polyoxyethylene (2 2) -2, and 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane (it being called "EO") as a polyhydric-alcohol component is desirable. At this time, it is still more desirable than PO to use many EO(s) and to use many fumaric acids rather than a terephthalic acid. It is for making it a glass transition point not become high too much, maintaining a desired grindability index.

[0036] When using the above polyester resin as a binder resin, as for the acid number, it is preferably desirable that it is 3 - 20 KOHmg/g three to 30 KOHmg/g. While raising the dispersibility of the pigment which contains carbon black by using the polyester resin of such the acid number, or an electrification control agent, the toner which has more sufficient amount of electrifications can be obtained.

[0037] In order to control the glossiness of a picture in the full color toner which the fixing nature as a toner for heat roller fixing and offset-proof nature are raised especially in this invention, and needs a translucency, you may use two kinds of polyester resin from which softening temperature differs as polyester resin. At this time, the acid number of those mixed resins should just be above-mentioned within the limits.

[0038] As a coloring agent used by this invention, the well-known pigment and well-known color which are used as a coloring agent for full color toners from the former are usable. For example, carbon black, activated carbon, titanium black, aniline blue, Cull coil blue, chrome yellow, ultra marine blue, E. I. du Pont de Nemours oil red, Quinoline yellow, methylene-blue chloride, a copper phthalocyanine, a Malachite-Green OKISA rate, Lamp black, a rose bengal, C. I. pigment red 48: 1, the C.I. pigment red 122, the C.I. pigment red 57:1, the C.I. pigment red 184, the C.I. pigment yellow 12, the C.I. pigment yellow 17, the C.I. pigment yellow 93, C. I. pigment yellow 97, the C.I. pigment yellow 109C.I. pigment yellow 110, the C.I. pigment yellow 155, the C.I. pigment yellow 180, C.I. pigment yellow 185, C. I. solvent yellow 162, the C.I. pigment blue 15:1, and C.I. pigment blue 15:3 grade can be mentioned. In a black toner, you may replace some or all of a coloring agent, such as various carbon black, activated carbon, and titanium black, with the magnetic substance. As the magnetic substance, well-known magnetic-substance particles, such as a ferrite, a magnetite, and iron, are usable, for example. The mean particle diameter of a magnetic particle has especially preferably desirable 0.5 micrometers or less 1 micrometer or less in the meaning which acquires the dispersibility at the time of manufacture, the case where the magnetic substance is added in viewpoints, such as scattering prevention, giving the property as a nonmagnetic toner to a toner -- the addition -- the binder resin 100 weight section -- receiving -- 0.5 - 10 weight section -- desirable -- 0.5 - 8 weight section -- it is 1 5 weight section more preferably

[0039] Although the content of a coloring agent should just be suitably determined according to the hiding power of a coloring agent, and the maximum coating weight at the time of image formation, even if it is filled up with comparatively a lot of coloring agents in this invention, since the electrification nature of the toner of each color hardly changes, using comparatively mostly

is more effective. For example, when the maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material is 4 g/m2, the range of 6.5 - 12 weight section and the C.I. pigment blue 15:3 are used [the C.I. pigment red 57:1] for the range of 4 - 8 weight section, and the C.I. pigment yellow 180 in the range of 5.5 - 10 weight section (criteria are the binder resin 100 weight section). In addition, as for the coloring agent used for the toner of a Magenta, cyanogen, and yellow, it is desirable to be used as a masterbatch ground and obtained, after carrying out melting kneading beforehand with the binder resin used, and the amount of [at that time used] should just become above-mentioned [the coloring agent content in the toner obtained] within the limits. [0040] You may make a toner contain an electrification control agent and a release agent by request. As an electrification control agent for a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and yellow toners, the electrification control agent of the colorlessness which does not have a bad influence on the color tone of a color toner and a translucency, white, or light color is usable, for example, the zinc of salicylic acid derivatives, the metal complex of chromium, a calyx arene system compound, an organic boron compound, a fluorine-containing quarternary-ammonium-salt system compound, etc. are used suitably. As the above-mentioned salicylic-acid metal complex, a thing with a thing given [as an organic boron compound] in JP,2-221967,A with a thing [given in JP,53-127726,A, JP,62-145255,A, etc.] given [as a calyx arene system compound] in JP,2-201378,A etc. is usable.

[0041] A wax is used as a release agent. As a wax, a well-known wax is usable in the field of the toner for electrostatic-charge image development, for example, a polyethylene wax, a polypropylene wax, carnauba wax, a rice wax, a SAZORU wax, a montan ester wax, the Fischer Tropsch wax, paraffin wax, etc. can be mentioned. Desirable especially as for the melting point of a desirable wax, it is 50-90 degrees C to use the wax of the low melting point from a viewpoint of the further improvement in low-temperature fixing nature and improvement in the separability from a fixing roller. The addition of a release agent has desirable 0.5 - 5 weight section to the binder resin 100 weight section.

[0042] It faces obtaining a toner, and first, after mixing other additives, for example, a release agent, an electrification control agent, etc. with well-known mixed equipments, such as a Henschel mixer, in a binder resin, an above-mentioned polymer (B), and an above-mentioned coloring agent row, with well-known kneading equipment, melting kneading is carried out, it cools and a kneading object is obtained. Subsequently, a kneading object is ground and classified and carries out momentary heat-treatment by request. Finally in this invention, 3–7.5 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters of a toner particle are 4–6.5 micrometers preferably. If particle size is too small, by increase of the surface area of a toner, the adhesion force between toners will be too high, and the condensation at the time of the time of storage and supply, and development will serve as a technical problem. If particle size is too large, level of graininess (fineness of a texture) required as a full color picture cannot be attained. As equipment for performing momentary heat-treatment, a SAFUYUJINGU system (Japanese pneumatic industrial company make) is usable, for example.

[0043] To a toner, it is desirable to add various organic one / inorganic particle (after-treatment agent) for the purpose of grant of a fluidity or cleaning nature. As a non-subtlety particle, for example Silicon carbide, a boron carbide, a titanium carbide, A zirconium carbide, a hafnium carbide, a vanadium carbide, a tantalum carbide, Carbonization niobium, a tungsten carbide, a chromium carbide, carbonization molybdenum, calcium carbide, Various carbide, such as a diamond carbon lactam, boron nitride, a titanium nitride, Various borides, such as various nitrides, such as a zirconium nitride, and a zirconium boride, Titanium oxide, a calcium oxide, a magnesium oxide, a zinc oxide, a copper oxide, Various oxides, such as an aluminum oxide, a silica, and colloidal silica, titanic-acid calcium, Various titanic-acid compounds, such as titanic-acid magnesium and a strontium titanate, Various fluorides, such as various sulfides [, such as molybdenum disulfide] and magnesium fluoride, carbon, etc. fluoride, independent in various nonmagnetic inorganic particles, such as various metallic soaps, such as an aluminum

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stearate, a calcium stearate, a zinc stearate, and a magnesium stearate, talc, and a bentonite, — or it can combine and use

[0044] As an organic particle, particles, such as the styrene system which corned for the purpose, such as a cleaning assistant, by wet polymerization methods, such as an emulsion-polymerization method, a soap free emulsion-polymerization method, and a non-moisture powder polymerization method, the gaseous-phase method, etc., acrylic (meta), benzoguanamine, a melamine, Teflon (registered trademark), silicon, polyethylene, and polypropylene, can be used.

[0045] As for a non-subtlety particle especially a silica, titanium oxide, an alumina, a zinc oxide, etc., it is desirable that surface treatment is carried out by the well-known method from a viewpoint of heat-resistant storage nature and environmental-proof stability using processing agents which have the hydrophobing processing agent currently used from the former, such as a silane coupling agent, a titanate system coupling agent, a silicone oil, and a silicone varnish, a fluorine system silane coupling agent, a fluorine system silicone oil, an amino group, and a quarternary-ammonium-salt machine, such as a coupling agent and a denaturation silicone oil. [0046] the composition of the particle (after-treatment agent) **(ed) by a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and the yellow toner outside in this invention -- abbreviation same -- suppose that it is desirable and is the same here -- composition -- "-- it judges for all the after-treatment agents by which that it is [abbreviation same]" or "it is the same" were added more than the 0.3 weight section to the toner 100 weight section in each toner -- having -respectively -- each toner -- setting -- a kind and an amount -- "-- it shall mean that abbreviation same" or the "same" after-treatment agent is added in common what the kind of after-treatment agent includes the chemical formula with which the raw material of a particle is expressed, and primary [an average of] particle size, and is meant -- carrying out -- especially -- the kind of after-treatment agent -- abbreviation -- being the same -- a chemical formula with the particle raw material same irrespective of the existence of surface treatment -- it can express -- and -- this -- the first [an average of] particle size in each toner of the after-treatment agent expressed with the same chemical formula means that it is within the limits which is **20% of those averages, respectively moreover, the amount of an after-treatment agent -- abbreviation -- being the same -- the above -- it means that the addition (addition to the toner 100 weight section) in each toner of the after–treatment agent expressed with the same chemical formula is within the limits of **20% of those averages, respectively Since the development nature and imprint nature of a toner will change for every color of a toner if the composition of an after-treatment agent differs for every color of a toner, it will be necessary to design development conditions etc. for every color of a toner. Being designed similarly is desirable although you may be the Magenta toner of the above [a black toner] for low-cost-izing, a cyano toner and a yellow toner, and the toner of a separate installation meter in this invention.

[0047] It is desirable to the toner 100 weight section 0.05 – 5 weight section and to carry out 0.1–3 weight section addition of the above-mentioned particle preferably. The above-mentioned particle may be used combining it two or more sorts, and those total quantities should just be above-mentioned within the limits in that case.

[0048] The carrier which can use the thing better known than before as a carrier for 2 component developers as a carrier used in order to use the above toners as a 2 component developer, for example, consists of magnetic-substance particles, such as iron and a ferrite, the resin coat carrier which comes to cover such a magnetic-substance particle with a resin, or the binder type carrier which comes to distribute the impalpable powder of a magnetic-substance particle in a binding resin can be used. It is desirable from viewpoints, such as toner SUPENTO, to use the resin coat carrier which used the silicone system resin, the copolymerization resin (graft resin) of organopolysiloxane and a vinyl system monomer, or the polyester system resin as a covering resin also in these carriers, and the carrier which the resin which the isocyanate

was made to react to the copolymerization resin of organopolysiloxane and a vinyl system monomer, and was obtained especially covered is desirable from a viewpoint of endurance, environmental-proof stability, and SUPENTO-proof nature. The monomer which has substituents, such as a hydroxyl group which has an isocyanate and reactivity as the above-mentioned vinyl system monomer, is used preferably. Moreover, as for the volume mean particle diameter of a carrier, it is preferably desirable from high-definition reservation and a viewpoint of carrier fogging prevention to use a 20–60-micrometer thing 20–100 micrometers. [0049] Subsequently, the full color image formation method of this invention is explained. The full color image formation method of this invention is characterized by controlling the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of using a developer which was mentioned above and a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner to a comparatively small value in the well-known full color image formation method.

[0050] The process developed with the developer which formed the latent image on the electrostatic latent-image support (photo conductor), and mentioned this latent image above in detail, And the process imprinted on a recorded material, without minding the toner image formed on the electrostatic latent-image support through a middle imprint object In the full color image formation method including the toner image which carried out repeatedly for every color of a developer and was imprinted on the recorded material being established the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner — respectively — two or less 5.0 g/m — desirable — 2 – 5.0 g/m2 — it controls to the value of 3.0 – 4.8 g/m2 more preferably By using a specific developer in this way in this invention by the specific "maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material", it becomes possible to be high-speed and cheap and to offer a high definition full color picture. If the above-mentioned coating weight exceeds 5.0 g/m2, since fixing at low temperature will require comparatively high fixing temperature and/or comparatively long time for becoming difficult and attaining sufficient fixing comparatively, improvement in the speed and low-cost-izing of full color image formation cannot be attained simultaneously.

[0051] When using the aforementioned developer above "the maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material" in this invention, the complicatedness of the conditioning for every toner at the time of development can be mitigated by making the "maximum coating weight to a recorded material" of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner into within the limits of **5% of those averages, respectively. That is, it becomes possible to be high-speed and cheap and to offer a high definition full color picture, mitigating the complicatedness of the conditioning for every toner at the time of development. It becomes possible to be high-speed and cheap and to offer a high definition full color picture, without changing the maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material for every toner by controlling further in this invention to the same value of above-mentioned [the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner] within the limits.

[0052] It is desirable to control in this invention like [the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a black toner] the maximum coating weight of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner. By controlling such, it is because it becomes possible to be high-speed and cheap and to offer a high definition full color picture still more easily. When for that using carbon black as a coloring matter, it is desirable to fully distribute carbon black.
[0053] In this invention, "the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a toner" is "a peak of the toner which finally appears on a recorded material", and is one of the conditions beforehand set up for every toner in full color image formation equipment.

[0054] "The maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a toner" is determined as a "peak [of the toner to which development may adhere at an electrostatic latent-image support] (henceforth photo conductor maximum coating weight)" row depending on "the imprint efficiency (when not using a middle imprint object) from an electrostatic latent-image support to a recorded material", or "the imprint efficiency and the imprint efficiency (when using a middle

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imprint object) from a middle imprint object to a recorded material" from an electrostatic latent-image support to a middle imprint object. The photo conductor maximum coating weight is determined by the potential of the picture section in an electrostatic latent-image support and the potential of the non-picture section, the surface potential of a developer support, the distance of an electrostatic latent-image support and a developer support, the magnetism of a carrier, resistance of a carrier, the amount of conveyances of the developer to a developer support top, the peripheral-speed ratio of a developer support and an electrostatic latent-image support, etc.

[0055] Hereafter, the case where a full color picture is formed using the above-mentioned image formation method is explained briefly. First, the photo conductor (electrostatic latent-image support) of a photo conductor drum is uniformly charged with a primary electrification vessel, the laser beam modulated in the Magenta picture signal of a manuscript performs picture exposure, and an electrostatic latent image is formed on a photoconductor drum. Next, after developing this electrostatic latent image with the Magenta development counter which holds the developer containing a Magenta toner and forming a Magenta toner image on a photoconductor drum, this Magenta toner image is imprinted to the conveyed recorded material with an imprint electrification vessel. On the other hand, the photo conductor drum after the Magenta toner image was imprinted is discharged with the electrification vessel for electric discharge, and is cleaned by the cleaning means. After developing after that this electrostatic latent image by the developer which contains formation of electrification with the primary electrification machine of a photo conductor drum, and the electrostatic latent image to photo conductor drum lifting by the picture exposure using the cyano picture signal, and a cyano toner again like the formation method of the above-mentioned Magenta toner image, the cyano toner image to the recorded material with which the above-mentioned Magenta toner image is imprinted is imprinted. Furthermore, formation of a yellow toner image and formation of a black toner image are performed like the formation method of the above-mentioned Magenta toner image one by one, and the color toner picture of four colors is imprinted to a recorded material, and it is established by pressurization and heating according the imprinted full color picture to a fixing roller etc.

[0056] Even if it changes the formation sequence of each color picture, there is especially no problem. Moreover, in the above-mentioned explanation, although the composition which imprints each color toner picture one by one directly to a recorded material was shown, after piling up each color toner picture to middle imprint objects, such as a middle imprint belt, and imprinting one by one to them, you may imprint a superposition picture to a recorded material collectively.

[0057] The full color image formation method of this invention is faced actually carrying out. Since the sensitivity of a photo conductor and the electrification property of a developer may be changed and "the photo conductor maximum coating weight (maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a toner)" may be changed with change of the operating environments (temperature, humidity, etc.) of the equipment which adopted the method concerned, It is desirable to perform automatic concentration control (automatic control of the photo conductor maximum coating weight) about each of the toner of a color with which plurality differs periodically.

[0058] forming a criteria toner image (solid picture) on an electrostatic latent-image support according to predetermined development conditions, and changing suitably strange good development conditions, such as potential of the picture section in an electrostatic latent-image support and potential of the non-picture section, and surface potential of a developer support, with automatic concentration control, based on the coating weight of this criteria toner image — the value of a convention of the photo conductor maximum coating weight — an amendment — they are things

[0059] While a desirable mode smell performs the above-mentioned automatic concentration

control, measures the surface potential of the electrostatic latent-image support charged on condition that predetermined by the surface potential measurement means for every fixed period and makes a storage means memorize the measured value The last measured value memorized by this measured value and the storage means is compared, when the amount of change is larger than a predetermined value, the aforementioned automatic concentration control is performed, and in being smaller than a predetermined value, it controls to maintain the last development conditions, without performing the aforementioned automatic concentration control. Although the latency time for dozens of seconds will occur by the time the picture of the 1st sheet outputs when performing automatic concentration control, if control according to the amount of change of the surface potential of the above electrostatic latent-image supports is performed, since automatic concentration control with a comparatively small effect will no longer be performed and the number of times of execution of automatic concentration control will be effectively reduced as a result, working capacity improves.

[0060] The 1st mode in which form a criteria toner image about each of the toner of a color with which plurality differs according to the amount of change of the surface potential of the aforementioned electrostatic latent–image support, and development conditions are set up in another desirable mode in case automatic concentration control is performed, A criteria toner image is formed only about the predetermined color of the toners of a color with which plurality differs, development conditions are set up, and the 2nd mode in which the development conditions of other colors are set up is chosen based on the development conditions of this predetermined color. If selection based on the amount of change of the surface potential of such an electrostatic latent–image support is performed, since [which not necessarily performs automatic concentration control about the toner of all colors / being required] it is lost and the number of times of execution of automatic concentration control is effectively reduced as a result, working capacity will improve.

[0061] In the method of this invention, aiming at further improvement in working efficiency by adopting combining the two above-mentioned desirable modes, over a long period of time, it is high-speed and cheap and a high definition full color picture can be offered.

[0062]

[Example] (Manufacture of a binder resin (polyester resin)) The alcoholic component and the acid component were put into the four glass mouth flask furnished with the thermometer, the stirrer, the flowing-down formula capacitor, and the nitrogen introduction pipe with the polymerization initiator (dibutyl tin oxide) by the mole ratio shown in Table 1. It was made to react, agitating this at 220 degrees C under nitrogen-gas-atmosphere mind in a mantle heater, and polyester resin A1 and A2 was obtained. The obtained polyester resin had physical properties as shown in Table 1. In addition, EO is front Naka and PO is a polyoxyethylene (2 2) about polyoxypropylene (2 2) -2 and 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane. – TPA expresses a terephthalic acid and FA expresses a fumaric acid for 2 and 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane.

[0063]

[Table 1]

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樹脂	PO	EO	FA	TPA	Mn	Mw/Mn	(°C)	(°C)	(KOHmg/g)	(KOHmg/g)	指数
A1	1.0	10.0	7. 0	2. 0	3500	3. 6	55. 4	98. 0	4.8	29. 1	2. 2
A2	10. 0	1. 0	-	9. 0	3900	3. 8	64. 5	100. 2	3.8	27. 4	1.8

[0064] (Manufacture of a polymer (B))

^{- 1.5}g of BF3-phenol complexes was dropped in [small quantity / every] about 10 minutes,

having taught resin B1 styrene (99.9% of purity) 150g, and toluene 150g to the autoclave, and keeping temperature at 5 degrees C under stirring. Then, stirring was continued for further 3 hours. Next, after rinsing until it separated the water layer and became neutral about polymerized oil further, after having added 50ml of sodium-hydroxide solution 5%, stirring violently for 30 minutes and decomposing a catalyst, an unreacted oil and solvent toluene were distilled off and polystyrene 120g was obtained as a residue. The polymer concerned was used as the resin B1, and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

[0065] – 1.5g of BF3-phenol complexes was dropped in [small quantity / every] about 10 minutes, having taught 150g / of resin B-2 alpha methyl styrenes / (99.8% of purity), and toluene 150g to the autoclave, and keeping temperature at 5 degrees C under stirring. Then, stirring was continued for further 3 hours. Next, after rinsing until it separated the water layer and became neutral about polymerized oil further, after having added 50ml of sodium-hydroxide solution 5%, stirring violently for 30 minutes and decomposing a catalyst, an unreacted oil and solvent toluene were distilled off and 120g of Polly alpha methyl styrenes was obtained as a residue. The polymer concerned was made into resin B-2, and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

[0066] – 250g [of resin B3 alpha methyl styrenes] (99.8% of purity) and isopropenyl toluene 250g and toluene 500g are put into a three-neck flask, and a 3 fluorine boron phenol complex is added small quantity every under churning, and it was made to react at 20 degrees C for 3 hours, cooling by the dry ice acetone bath. Subsequently, added alkali, the catalyst was made to deactivate and it removed, it condensed in order to drive out a solvent and an unreacted monomer, and the alpha-methyl-styrene-isopropenyl toluene copolymer was obtained as a residue. The polymer concerned was used as the resin B3, and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

[0067] – Resin B4 isopropenyl toluene (98% of purity) 200g, 200g [of alpha methyl styrenes] (98% of purity), 120g [of C5 system petroleum fractions obtained by the pyrolysis of petroleum naphtha] (isoprene), and toluene 500g is put into a three-neck flask, and a 3 fluorine boron phenol complex is added small quantity every under churning, and it was made to react for 3 hours, cooling by the dry ice acetone bath. Next, after having added NaOH solution, agitating violently and decomposing a catalyst, the aqueous phase was separated and the oily polymerization object was obtained. After rinsing a still more nearly oily polymerization object until it became neutral, heating reduced pressure distilling off of an unreacted oil and the solvent was carried out, and the massive white alpha-methyl-styrene-isopropenyl toluene-isoprene copolymer as a residue was obtained. The polymer concerned was used as the resin B4, and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

[0068] - Polystyrene was obtained by the same process as a resin B1 except having made resin B5 reaction time into 2 hours. The polymer concerned was made into resin B5 and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

- The Polly alpha methyl styrene was obtained by the same process as resin B−2 except having made resin B6 reaction time into 4.5 hours. The polymer concerned was made into resin B6 and physical properties were shown in Table 2. [0069]

[Table 2]

	重合体(B)	Mw	Mn	Mw/Mn	Tg (℃)	粉砕性 指数
B1	ポリスチレン	1500	1000	1.5	62	0.3
B2	オ゚リーαーメチルスチレン	2800	1500	1. 9	75	0. 5
В3	α-メチルスチレンーイソプロペニル トルエン共重合体	2400	1500	1. 6	72	0. 5
B4	α-メチルスチレンーイソプロペニル トルエンーイソプレン共重合体	1900	1100	1. 7	65	0. 3
B5	ポリスチレン	900	650	1.4	40	0. 2
B6	ポ リー α ーメチルスチレン	3100	1700	1.8	88	0.7

[0070] (Manufacture of a pigment masterbatch) The pigment used for manufacture of a full color toner was used as a pigment masterbatch obtained by the following methods. The binder resin and pigment which are used in each example or the example of comparison were taught to the pressurized kneader at a rate of the weight ratio (resin: pigment) 7:3, and it kneaded at 120 degrees C for 1 hour. Coarse grinding was carried out with the hammer mill after cooling, and the pigment masterbatch of 30 % of the weight of pigment content was obtained. As a pigment, C.I.Pigment Yellow180 (Hoechst A.G. make), C.I.Pigment Blue 15–3 (Dainippon Ink make), and C.I.Pigment Red 57–1 (Dainippon Ink make) were used.

[0071] After having used toner M1 polyester resin A1 and the pigment masterbatch so that it might become the polyester resin A1;100 weight section and C.I.Pigment Red57–1;5 weight section, carrying out 10 weight sections addition of the resin B1 at this and mixing by the Henschel mixer, melting kneading was carried out by the extruder. coarse grinding after cooling the obtained kneading object — and it pulverized and the trituration object of 5.5 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters was obtained Then, the trituration object was classified and the toner particle of 6 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters was obtained. After adding the hydrophobic silica (H2000; Hoechst A.G. make) 0.9 weight section, the hydrophobic titanium oxide (particle size of 50nm) 0.9 weight section, and the strontium—titanate (particle—size [of 350nm], BET specific surface area9m2/g) 2.0 weight section and carrying out mixed processing by the Henschel mixer to this toner particle 100 weight section, the Magenta toner (M1) was obtained.

[0072] The toner Y1 and C1 pigment masterbatch were changed, and toners Y1 and C1 were obtained by the same process as a toner M1 except having used polyester resin A1 and the pigment masterbatch so that it might become the polyester resin A1;100 weight section and C.I.Pigment Yellow180;8.5 weight section or polyester resin A1;100 weight section, and C.I.Pigment Blue15-3;7 weight section.

[0073] The toner K1 pigment masterbatch was changed into carbon black (mho gal L;;pHby Cabot Corp. 2.5; primary [an average of] particle size of 24nm), and the toner K1 was obtained by the same process as a toner M1 except having used polyester resin A1 and carbon black so that it might become the polyester resin A1;100 weight section and the carbon black;8 weight section.

[0074] Toners M2-M12 were obtained by the same process as a toner M1 except having used the pigment masterbatch for the binder resin shown in toner M2 – M12 Table 3 – 5, and the polymer (B) row so that it might become the written toner composition. Toners Y2-Y12 were obtained by the same process as a toner Y1 except having used the pigment masterbatch for the binder resin shown in toner Y2 – Y12 Table 3 – 5, and the polymer (B) row so that it might become the written toner composition.

[0075] Toners C2-C12 were obtained by the same process as a toner C1 except having used

the pigment masterbatch for the binder resin shown in toner C2 - C12 Table 3 - 5, and the polymer (B) row so that it might become the written toner composition.

Toners K2-K12 were obtained by the same process as a toner K1 except having used carbon black for the binder resin shown in toner K2 - K12 Table 3 - 5, and the polymer (B) row so that it might become the written toner composition.

[0076] It used combining the toner shown in Table 3 – 5, and an example and example of comparison each example, or the example of comparison estimated the following items.
[0077] (Productivity) When a mechanical grinder (KTM-0 type: Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. make) ground a sample (toner constituent (what carried out 2mm mesh path with the feather mill after kneading cooling)) at Throughput F (5 kg/h) and the KTM rotational frequency 12000 (rpm), the load power value W1 when passing the load power value W0 and sample at the time of sample passage nothing was recorded. Then, the volume mean particle diameter D of the pulverization object obtained by KTM pulverization (micrometer) was measured by the multi-sizer II (made in coal tar Beckmann). The grindability index was computed based on the following formula, and it evaluated according to the following ranks. In addition, evaluation was performed about each toner and the average was shown.

Grindability index (H) =(Dx (W1-W0))/F [0078]

O; 1.0<=H<1.5;

O; 0.5<=H<1.0 or 1.5<=H<2.0;

x;H<0.5 (too soft) or 2.0<=H (too hard).

[0079] (Heat-resistant storage nature) After leaving toner 10g under the elevated temperature of 50 degrees C for 24 hours, the state of aggregation of a toner was observed visually. In addition, evaluation was performed about each toner and the worst result was shown.

O: the aggregate was not seen at all.;

O: although the aggregate existed, it got loose with the weak shock.;

x: The aggregate existed and it did not get loose easily.

[0080] (Electrification nature) The amount of electrifications of each toner was measured by the electric—field separation method. The average was calculated from the amount of electrifications of a Magenta toner, a yellow toner, a cyano toner, and a black toner. The difference of the amount of electrifications of each toner and the average concerned was searched for, and the rate (X (%)) of the difference concerned over the average was searched for. The rate concerned was evaluated according to the following ranks. In addition, evaluation was performed about each toner and the worst result was shown. The carrier used the acrylic denaturation silicone coat ferrite carrier.

O;-5 <=X<<=5 (%);

O;-10 <=X<-5(%) or 5< X<=10 (%);

x;X<-10(%) or 10<X (%).

[0081] the following evaluations — a toner — an acrylic denaturation silicone coat ferrite carrier and a toner — 2 component developer prepared and obtained so that a mixing ratio might become 5% of the weight was used

[0082] (Graininess) A Magenta, yellow, cyanogen, and 2 component developer of black were carried in the digital full color copying machine (CF910; Minolta Camera Co., Ltd. make) with which the toner maximum coating weight was set as the value shown in Table 3 – 5, and Society of Electrophotography of Japan chart 1995 No 5–1 was copied.

O; it was better than the graininess of the present product.;

x; it was inferior to the graininess of the present product.

[0083] (Low-temperature fixing nature) A Magenta, yellow, cyanogen, and 2 component developer of black are carried in the digital full color copying machine (CF910; Minolta Camera Co., Ltd. make) with which the maximum coating weight of each toner was set as the value shown in Table 3 – 5, and fixing temperature is set in the range of 120 degrees C – 170 degrees C. 1.5cmx1.5cm 3 color superposition picture (a Magenta toner, a yellow toner, and cyano toner)

was printed making it change by 2-degree-C serration. The picture was bent from middle to two and viewing estimated the detachability of the picture. Temperature between the fixing temperature when a picture bending and exfoliating to the section circumference and fixing temperature when a picture bends and only the section exfoliates was made into fixing minimum temperature.

- O; fixing minimum temperature was less than 145 degrees C.;
- O; fixing minimum temperature was 145 degrees C or more less than 155 degrees C.;
- **; fixing minimum temperature was 155 degrees C or more less than 165 degrees C.; (practically with no problem)
- x; fixing minimum temperature was 165 degrees C or more (practically those with a problem). [0084]

[Table 3]

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		≈(μm)	バインダー 樹脂	重合体(B) 種/部*	着色剤** 使用量(部)	行者重 (g/m²)	生産性	耐熱 保管性	粒状性	帯電性	低温 定着性
	14-41	9	A1	B1/10	9						
	17-Y1	9	A1	B1/10	8.5	Ļ	(((((
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	14-K1	9	A1	B1/10	8					٠	
	1-41	9	A1	B2/10	5						
	1-Y2	6	A1	B2/10	8.5		((((
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	ŀ7-K2	6	A1	B2/10	8						
	1-4-43	9	A1	B3/10	ល						
	1-4-43	6	A1	B3/10	8.5	L.	(((((
Clider Selving Selvin	N-C3	9	A1	B3/10	7	4. o)))	 Э)
	1-K3	6	A1	B3/10	8						
	1-M-4	9	A1	B4/10	5						
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	17-64	9	Al	B4/10	7	. 1 .	<u> </u>)))	9
	1-K4	6	Al	B4/10	8						
!	1-4-145	9	A1	B1/5	5						
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	17-C5	9	A1	B1/5	7)))))
	1-K5	9	A1	81/5	8						
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[0085] [Table 4]

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		和任 (μm)	パイクゲー 樹脂	重合体(B) 種/部*	着色剤** 使用量(部)	行有 进 (g/m²)	生産性	耐熱 保管性	粒状性	帯電性	成 記 記 始 在
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	}+-K6	2	A1	B1/10	8						
	14-M7	9	A2	B1/10	5						
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	17-K7	9	A2	B1/10	8						
	1-1-148	9	A1	0/-	2						
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	1-7-K8	9	Al	0/-	8						
	1-1-M9	9	A1	B1/25	2						
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[0086] [Table 5]

		Arres		トナー組成	نوع	2 * 17			評角		
		和在 (µ四)	バインゲー 樹脂	重合体(B) 種/部*	着色剤** 使用量(部)	ff有單 (g/m²)	生産性	耐熱保管性	粒状性	带電性	低温 定着性
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	17-K12	9	A1	B6/10	8				****		
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[0087] (Manufacture of an acrylic denaturation silicone coat ferrite) It is 100 weight ******* about a methyl ethyl ketone at a flask with an equipped with a stirrer, a capacitor, a thermometer, a nitrogen introduction pipe, and dropping equipment capacity of 500ml. Under nitrogen-gas-atmosphere mind, at 80 degrees C, the solution which was made to dissolve the methyl methacrylate 86.7 weight section, 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate 5.1 weight section, 3-methacryloxypropyl tris (trimethylsiloxy) silane 58.2 weight section and 1, and 1'-azobis (cyclohexane-1-carbonitrile) 1 weight section in the methyl-ethyl-ketone 100 weight section, and was obtained was dropped into the reactor over 2 hours, and was ripened for 5 hours. after

adjusting isophorone diisocyanate / trimethylol-propane adduct (IPDI/TMP system: NCO%= 6.1%) as a cross linking agent to the obtained resin so that the OH/NCO mole fraction may become 1/1 -- a methyl ethyl ketone -- diluting -- a fixed ratio -- the coat resin solution which is 8 % of the weight was prepared

[0088] Using the baking ferrite powder F-800 (volume mean particle diameter: micrometers [50], Powdertech make) as core material, the above-mentioned coat resin solution was applied and dried with Spira Cota (Okada elaborate company make) so that the amount of covering resins to core material might become 1.5% of the weight. In hot blast circulating oven, at 160 degrees C, the obtained carrier was left for 1 hour and calcinated. The ferrite powder bulk after cooling was cracked using the sieve shaker which attached 106 micrometers of openings, and a 75-micrometer screen mesh, and the acrylic denaturation silicone coat ferrite carrier was obtained.

[0089] (others -- measuring method)

- Temperature which flows out of the defluxion start point when carrying out melting defluxion of the sample of 3 1cm on condition that the pore (the path of 1mm, a length of 1mm) of a dice, pressurization 30 kg/cm2, and 3 degrees C of programming rates and min using the measuring method flow tester (CFT-500:Shimadzu Corp. make) of the softening temperature Tm of a resin, and is equivalent to one half of the height of an ending point was made into softening temperature.
- The acid number is the value which dissolved the 10mg sample in toluene 50ml, titrated using the mixed indicator of 0.1% of bromthymol blue, and a Phenol Red with N / 10 potassium hydroxides / alcoholic solution by which standardization was carried out beforehand, and was computed from the consumption of N / 10 potassium hydroxides / alcoholic solution.

 [0090] The particle size of a toner was measured using the coal tar multi-sizer II.
- The mean particle diameter of an inorganic particle was observed with the transmission electron microscope (JEM-1010 type; the JEOL datum company make), measured the diameter of 100 particles, and asked for the mean particle diameter. [0091]

[Effect of the Invention] By this invention, it is high-speed and cheap and a high definition full color picture can be offered.

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[The technical field to which invention belongs] this invention relates to the full color image formation method.

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PRIOR ART

[Description of the Prior Art] Generally, the full color image formation method forms a latent image on an electrostatic latent-image support (photo conductor), and comes to contain the process (development process) which develops this latent image with a toner, the process (imprint process) imprinted on a recorded material, without minding the toner image formed on the electrostatic latent-image support through a middle imprint object, and the process (fixing process) established in the toner image on a recorded material. After developing negatives for every color and piling up a toner layer on a recorded material in detail using the toner of four colors of a Magenta color, a yellow color, a cyano color, and a black color, a toner layer is established by pressurization and heating. It is common in a binder resin, a coloring agent, etc. coarse grinding melting and after kneading and cooling, and to pulverize, to classify by request and to obtain the toner used for such an image formation method at least.

[0003] In recent years, in the field of the above full color image formation methods, improvement in the speed and low-cost-izing of image formation are demanded of the high definition-ized row of a picture, and various attempts are made about the image formation process and the toner.

[0004] For example, in order to attain high definition-ization of a picture, it is known that it is effective to make the mean particle diameter of a toner small. However, since the specific surface area of a toner increased by minor diameter-ization of a toner, there was an inclination for the amount of toner electrifications per unit weight to become high. When the amount of electrifications became high too much, the problem that the amount of development was restricted and desired picture concentration was not obtained arose. Then, in order to prevent the fall of picture concentration, in JP,9-114127,A, the attempt which specifies the volume mean particle diameter of a toner, a color-material content, and the toner weight of the solid section on tracing paper is made. According to this convention, also in the diameter toner of a granule, desired picture concentration is securable by raising a color-material content. However, if a color-material content was raised, since the electric charge nature of a toner would be greatly influenced by the electric charge performance which color material has, the maximum coating weight of development conditions and a toner [especially as opposed to a recorded material] needed to be changed comparatively greatly for every toner. If the difference of the maximum coating weight of a toner to the recorded material for every toner is too large, the conditioning for every toner at the time of development is complicated, and improvement in the speed and low-cost-izing of full color image formation cannot be attained. Moreover, the amount of electrifications needed to be adjusted with material other than color material for every toner at the time of toner manufacture.

[0005] Moreover, in the manufacturing process of a ground type toner, although the pulverizing process had required the long time comparatively, it was difficult for pulverizing to take a long time further to minor diameter-ization of a toner, and for productivity to fall, and to attain low-cost-ization as a result. Then, the technology of making the toner constituent before

kneading containing a specific petroleum resin, and raising the grindability of a toner constituent is reported by JP,11-65161,A. Here, in order to secure the preservation stability of a toner as a binder resin, a resin 60 degrees C or more is used for a glass transition point. However, when the toner by the technology concerned was used, fixing took the long time comparatively, and improvement in the speed of full color image formation was not attained.

[0006] In order to attain improvement in the speed of full color image formation, increasing the color-material content of a toner and reducing the coating weight of a toner to a recorded material and lowering the melting start temperature of a toner binder resin are proposed. However, if the coating weight of a toner was reduced, in order that the number of composition toners per pixel might decrease, there was a problem that the graininess of the picture acquired got worse. That is, the coarse picture of a texture was acquired. Moreover, when the binder resin with comparatively low melting start temperature was used, there was a problem that toner condensation tends to take place. That is, when a toner was comparatively saved under an elevated temperature, condensation took place, and condensation took place by churning into the development counter.

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EFFECT OF THE INVENTION

[Effect of the Invention] By this invention, it is high-speed and cheap and a high definition full color picture can be offered.

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TECHNICAL PROBLEM

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] this invention is made in view of the above-mentioned situation, and it aims at offering the full color image formation method that it is high-speed and cheap and a high definition full color picture can be offered.

[0008] Even if this invention does not change the maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material for every toner, it aims at offering the full color image formation method that it is high-speed and cheap and a high definition full color picture can be offered again.

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MEANS

[Means for Solving the Problem] The process which this invention forms a latent image on an electrostatic latent-image support, and develops this latent image with a developer, And the process imprinted on a recorded material, without minding the toner image formed on the electrostatic latent-image support through a middle imprint object It is the full color image formation method including the toner image which carried out repeatedly for every color of a developer and was imprinted on the recorded material being established. The Magenta developer which contains a Magenta toner as a developer, the cyano developer containing a cyano toner, While each toner has 3-7.5 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters using the yellow developer containing a yellow toner, and the black developer containing a black toner at least -a binder -- a resin -- 100 -- a weight -- the section -- weight average molecular weight --1000 - 3000 -- and -- weight average molecular weight -- /-- number average molecular weight -- 2.0 -- less than -- a polymer -- (-- B --) -- one - 20 -- a weight -- the section -and -- a coloring agent -- containing -- becoming -- It is related with the full color image formation method characterized by controlling the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner to the value of two or less [5.0g //m], respectively.

[0010] When the specific polymer (B) was used, even if he made the toner the diameter of a granule and filled up this toner with comparatively a lot of coloring agents, the artificer of this invention etc. found out that the difference of the electrification level between the toners of each color was reduced, and found out that the purpose of this invention was attained easily by using still such a toner on specific development conditions.

[0011]

[Embodiments of the Invention] The developer used for the method of this invention may be 2 component developer which mixes a toner and a carrier and is obtained, or may be 1 component developer which uses a toner independently. Moreover, although used combining the Magenta developer which contains a Magenta toner as a developer in this invention, the cyano developer containing a cyano toner, the yellow developer containing a yellow toner, and the black developer containing a black toner, as long as it is not limited to this and can form a full color picture, you may use combining the developer of other colors.

[0012] Hereafter, although a toner is explained first, unless it mentions specially, the following explanation may be applied independently to a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, a yellow toner, and a black toner, respectively.

[0013] The toner used in this invention comes to contain a binder resin, a specific polymer (B), and a coloring agent at least. In order to use a specific polymer (B) which is explained in full detail in this invention later, a toner has the composition which the polymer (B) exposed to the particle front face. Since a toner has such composition, even if it fills up with comparatively a lot of coloring agents, the probability that a coloring agent will be exposed to the particle front face of a toner is considered that it decreases notably and the difference of the electrification

level between the toners of each color based on the difference in the electrification performance of each coloring agent is reduced. Moreover, since a toner has the above composition, the effect that toner condensation stops being able to happen easily is also acquired. The effect that the productivity of a toner improves is also acquired by furthermore using a polymer (B).

[0014] If a polymer (B) is used in manufacture of a toner, in a kneading process, a polymer (B) is distributed as a particle in a binder resin, and since it is ground while a trituration side is formed so that a kneading object may connect the particulate material of a polymer (B) with a trituration process, it will be thought that the toner which has the composition which the polymer (B) exposed to the particle front face is obtained. In detail, in the place where the polymer (B) particle in a kneading object exists, since trituration takes place not through the contact surface (interface) of a binder resin and a polymer (B) particle but through the interior of a polymer (B) particle, the trituration side concerned is constituted by the polymer (B) and it is thought that a polymer (B) is exposed to a particle front face as a result. [0015] the polymer (B) used in this invention -- weight average molecular weight (Mw) --1000-3000 -- 1000-2800, and weight average molecular weight/number average molecular weight (Mw/Mn) are 1.9 or less preferably 2.0 or less If such a polymer (B) is not used, the toner of composition of having exposed to the particle front face cannot be obtained, but the difference of the electrification level between the toners of each color will need to become comparatively large, and a polymer (B) will need to change the maximum coating weight comparatively greatly for every toner, and will become complicated [the conditioning for every toner at the time of development]. Furthermore, since the glass transition point of a polymer (B) becomes it low that Mw of a polymer (B) is less than 1000, the storage nature (heat-resistant storage nature) when leaving a toner at comparatively high temperature gets worse, and use becomes difficult practically. On the other hand, if Mw exceeds 3000, the own grindability of this material will become bad and the improvement effect of the grindability by using this material will no longer be accepted.

[0016] Mw and Mn of a polymer or a resin use the value measured by the gel permeation chromatography (807–IT type; Japan a spectrum industrial company make) among this specification. In detail, the column was kept at 40 degrees C, and 30mg of samples which pass and measure a tetrahydrofuran by 10 kg/cm3 as a carrier solvent was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran 20ml, and 0.5mg of this solution was introduced with the above-mentioned carrier solvent, and it asked for it by polystyrene conversion.

[0017] As for such a polymer (B), it is preferably desirable the grindability indices 0.1–1.0 and to have 0.2–0.6. A grindability index is one index of it being ground and expressing easy, and means that it is easy to be ground, so that the value concerned is small.

[0018] The grindability index uses the value measured according to the following among this specification. In case a mechanical grinder (KTM-0 type: Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. make) grinds the sample of about 2mm of volume mean particle diameters at Throughput F (5 kg/h) and the KTM rotational frequency 12000 (rpm), the load power value W1 when passing the load power value W0 and sample at the time of sample passage nothing is recorded. Then, the volume mean particle diameter D of the trituration object obtained by KTM trituration (micrometer) is measured by the coal tar multi-sizer II (made in coal tar Beckmann). Based on the following formula, a grindability index is computed from the acquired value.

Grindability index =(Dx (W1-W0))/F [0019] Moreover, as for the glass transition point (Tg) of a polymer (B), it is preferably desirable from the viewpoint of the further improvement in heat-resistant storage nature and low-temperature fixing nature that it is 60-80 degrees C more preferably 55-85 degrees C 50 degrees C or more. Among this specification, using the differential scanning calorimeter (DSC-200:SEIKO electronic company make), the glass transition point of a polymer or a resin uses a reference as an alumina, measures a 10mg sample

among 20-120 degrees C on condition that 10 degrees C of programming rates, and min, and

makes the shoulder value of a main endothermic peak the glass transition point. [0020] As long as it does not dissolve as a kind of polymer (B) even if melting kneading of the polymer (B) is carried out with a binder resin, and a binder resin differs from a grindability, it is not restricted, for example, the homopolymer or copolymer of a well-known aromatic monomer and/or an aliphatic monomer can be used. It means that "a binder resin differs from a grindability" has [0.5 or more / 0.7 or more] the grindability index of a polymer (B) preferably smaller than the grindability index of a binder resin here. By using the polymer (B) and binder resin which have the relation of such a grindability index, a polymer (B) can obtain effectively the toner exposed to the front face.

[0021] As an aromatic monomer, it is a general formula (1).;

[Formula 1]

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathbb{R}^1 \\
\mathbb{R}^1 \\
\mathbb{R}^3
\end{array}$$
(1)

It is [the styrene system monomer expressed with (R1, R2, R3, and R4 being a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or the alkyl group of carbon numbers 1–4, for example, a methyl group, an ethyl group, n-propyl group, and n-butyl independently among a formula, respectively, and being a hydrogen atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, or a methyl group preferably), and] a general formula (2).;

[Formula 2]

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & R^6 \\
 & R^7
\end{array}$$

The indene system monomer expressed with (R5, R6, and R7 being a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or the alkyl group of carbon numbers 1–6, for example, a methyl group, an ethyl group, n-propyl group, n-butyl, n-pentyl machine, and n-hexyl machine independently among a formula, respectively, and being a hydrogen atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, or a methyl group preferably) is mentioned.

[0022] As an example of a styrene system monomer, for example Styrene, vinyltoluene, An alpha methyl styrene, isopropenyl toluene, beta-methyl styrene, 1-propenyl toluene, o-chloro styrene, m-chloro styrene, p-chloro styrene, alpha-chloro styrene, beta-chloro styrene, o-bromostyrene, m-bromostyrene, p-bromostyrene, alpha-bromostyrene, beta-bromostyrene, etc. are mentioned. Preferably Styrene, vinyltoluene, an alpha methyl styrene, isopropenyl toluene, beta-methyl styrene and 1-propenyl toluene -- more -- desirable -- styrene, vinyltoluene, an alpha methyl styrene, and isopropenyl toluene -- they are styrene, an alpha methyl styrene, and isopropenyl toluene still more preferably As an example of an indene system monomer, for example, an indene, a methyl indene, an ethyl indene, etc. are mentioned, and especially an indene is desirable also in these. In this case, it is desirable when using a pure monomer with high purity stops coloring of a resin, an odor, and the amount of VOC(s) low. An aromatic monomer is independent, or may be combined and used.

[0023] As an example of an aliphatic monomer, especially if the above-mentioned aromatic monomer and a polymerization are possible, it will not be restricted. For example, an isoprene, a piperylene, 1,3-butadiene, 1, 3-pentadiene, 1, 5-hexadiene, 2, 3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, a chloroprene, Diolefin system monomers, such as 2-BUROMO-1,3-butadiene; Ethylene, A propylene, a butylene, an isobutylene, 2-methyl-butene-1, the monoolefin system monomer of 2-methylbutene-2 grade; A methyl acrylate, An ethyl acrylate, an acrylic-acid n-propyl, an

acrylic-acid isopropyl, Acrylic-acid n-butyl, isobutyl acrylate, acrylic-acid t-butyl, An acrylic-acid n-pentyl, an acrylic-acid isopentyl, acrylic-acid neopentyl, Acrylic-acid 3-(methyl) butyl, an acrylic-acid hexyl, an acrylic-acid octyl, Acrylic-acid alkyl ester system monomers, such as an acrylic-acid nonyl, an acrylic-acid desyl, an acrylic-acid undecyl, and an acrylic-acid dodecyl; A methyl methacrylate, An ethyl methacrylate, a methacrylic-acid n-propyl, a methacrylic-acid isopropyl, Methacrylic-acid n-butyl, a methacrylic-acid isobutyl, methacrylic-acid t-butyl, A methacrylic-acid n-pentyl, a methacrylic-acid isopentyl, methacrylic-acid neopentyl, Methacrylic-acid 3-(methyl) butyl, a methacrylic-acid hexyl, a methacrylic-acid octyl, A methacrylic-acid nonyl, a methacrylic-acid desyl, a methacrylic-acid undecyl, Alkyl methacrylate ester system monomers, such as a methacrylic-acid dodecyl; An acrylic acid, Unsaturated-carboxylic-acid system monomers, such as a methacrylic acid, an itaconic acid, and a maleic acid; Acrylonitrile, A maleate, itaconic-acid ester, a vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, a benzoic-acid vinyl, a vinyl methyl ethyl ketone, a vinyl hexyl ketone, a vinyl methyl ether, vinyl ethyl ether, the vinyl isobutyl ether, etc. are mentioned. It is a monoolefin system monomer and a diolefin system monomer preferably, and is an isoprene preferably [it is more desirable and] to an isoprene, a piperylene, 2-methyl-butene-1, the 2-methylbutene -2, and a pan. A **** monomer is independent, or may be combined and used.

[0024] The homopolymer or copolymer of the aromatic monomer and/or aliphatic monomer whose aliphatic monomer an aromatic monomer is 1 or the monomer beyond it chosen from the group which consists of styrene, an alpha methyl styrene, and isopropenyl toluene, and is an isoprene also in the polymer (B) which consists of the above monomers is desirable.

[0025] What was compounded considering the diolefin and/or monoolefin which are contained in the decomposition oil fraction by which the byproduction was carried out as such a desirable polymer (B) from the plant which manufactures ethylene, a propylene, etc. by steam cracking of petroleum as a raw material may be used preferably.

[0026] Moreover, they are polystyrene and the Polly alpha methyl styrene preferably from a viewpoint which a polystyrene, Polly alpha-methyl-styrene, and styrene-alpha-methyl-styrene copolymer, an alpha-methyl-styrene-isopropenyl toluene copolymer, a styrene-isopropenyl toluene copolymer, an alpha-methyl-styrene-isopropenyl toluene-isoprene copolymer, a styrene-isopropenyl toluene-isoprene copolymer, etc. are mentioned, and reduces further the difference of the electrification level between the toners of each color as an example of the above desirable polymers (B).

[0027] When using polystyrene as a polymer (B), as for the weight average molecular weight, it is still more desirable that it is 1000-2000. Moreover, when using the Polly alpha methyl styrene as a polymer (B), as for the weight average molecular weight, it is still more desirable that it is 2000-2800.

[0028] the amount of the polymer (B) used — the binder resin 100 weight section — receiving — 1 – 20 weight section — it is 3 – 15 weight section preferably If there is too little amount used, the improvement effect of the grindability of a toner constituent will be hard to be acquired. When there is too much amount used, a toner becomes that overgrinding is easy to be carried out, and there is an inclination for toner particle size to change a lot in a development counter.

[0029] It is not restricted especially as a binder resin, but well-known synthetic resin or well-known natural resin can be used in the field of the toner for electrostatic-charge image development. For example, a polyester system resin, a styrene resin, a polyvinyl chloride, phenol resin, natural denaturation phenol resin, natural denaturation maleic resin, an acrylic resin, an methacrylic system resin, polyvinyl acetate, silicone resin, polyurethane, polyamide resin, a furan resin, an epoxy resin, a xylene resin, a polyvinyl butyral, a terpene resin, a cumarone indene resin, etc. are mentioned. Preferably, the polyester system resin which made a polyester system resin or styrene-acrylic resin graft-ize is mentioned. In this invention, it is more desirable to use a polyester system resin from a viewpoint of the further improvement in low-temperature fixing

nature.

[0030] Although specifying the softening temperature of a binder resin as a means which raises the low-temperature fixing nature of a toner from the former was often performed, in this invention, it found out that the direction of a glass transition point correlated with low-temperature fixing nature well from the softening temperature of a binder resin. Therefore, as for a binder resin, in this invention, it is desirable for 45–65 degrees C of the viewpoint of the further improvement in heat-resistant storage nature and low-temperature fixing nature to glass transition points to be 50–60 degrees C preferably. In addition, as for the softening temperature of a binder resin, it is desirable that it is 120 degrees C or less from the color-reproduction nature and the glossy viewpoint of a full color picture.

[0031] The polyester resin obtained by carrying out the polycondensation of a polyhydric-alcohol component and the multiple-valued carboxylic-acid component as a polyester system resin in this invention is usable. Among polyhydric-alcohol components, as a dihydric alcohol component For example, polyoxypropylene (2 2) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, Polyoxypropylene (3 3) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, Polyoxypropylene (6) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, A polyoxyethylene (2 0) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, The bisphenol A alkylene oxide addition products, such as a polyoxyethylene (2 2) -2 and 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane, Ethylene glycol, a diethylene glycol, a triethylene glycol, 1, 2-propylene glycol, 1, 3-propylene glycol, 1, 4-butanediol, Neopentyl glycol, 1, 4-butene diol, 1,5-pentanediol, 1, 6-hexandiol, 1, 4-cyclohexane dimethanol, a dipropylene glycol, a polyethylene glycol, a polytetramethylene glycol, bisphenol A, hydrogenation bisphenol A, etc. are mentioned. As an alcoholic component more than trivalent, they are a sorbitol, 1, 2 and 3, 6-hexane tetrol, 1, 4-sorbitan, a pentaerythritol, dipentaerythritol, tripentaerythritol, 1 and 2, 4-butane triol, 1 and 2, 5-pentanetriol, a glycerol, isobutane triol, and 2-methyl, for example. - 1, 2, 4-butane triol, trimethylolethane, a trimethylol propane, 1 and 3, 5-trihydroxy methylbenzene, etc. are mentioned.

[0032] Moreover, as a divalent carboxylic-acid component, the anhydride or low-grade alkyl ester of a maleic acid, a fumaric acid, a citraconic acid, an itaconic acid, a glutaconic acid, a phthalic acid, an isophthalic acid, a terephthalic acid, a cyclohexane dicarboxylic acid, a succinic acid, an adipic acid, sebacic acid, an azelaic acid, a malonic acid, an n-dodecenyl succinic acid, an iso dodecenyl succinic acid, n-dodecyl succinic acid, an iso dodecyl succinic acid, n-OKUTE nil succinic acid, an iso OKUTE nil succinic acid, n-octyl succinic acid, iso octyl succinic acids, and

[0033] As a carboxylic-acid component more than trivalent, for example 1, 2, 4-benzene tricarboxylic acid (trimellitic acid), 1, 2, 5-benzene tricarboxylic acid, 2 and 5, 7-naphthalene tricarboxylic acid, 1 and 2, 4-naphthalene tricarboxylic acid, 1, 2, 4-butane tricarboxylic acid, 1 and 2, 5-hexane tricarboxylic acid, 1 A 3-dicarboxyl-2-methyl-2-methylene carboxy propane, The anhydride of 1, 2, 4-cyclohexane tricarboxylic acid, tetrapod (methylene carboxyl) methane, 1, 2 and 7, 8-octane tetracarboxylic acid, pyromellitic acid, en pole trimer acids, and these acids, low-grade alkyl ester, etc. are mentioned.

[0034] The polyester resin obtained considering at least one sort chosen from the group which makes a principal component the bisphenol A alkylene oxide addition product as a polyhydric-alcohol component, and consists of a terephthalic acid, a fumaric acid, a dodecenyl succinic acid, and a benzene tricarboxylic acid as a multiple-valued carboxylic-acid component also in the polyester resin which consists of the above monomer components as a principal component is desirable.

[0035] The polyester resin obtained from a viewpoint of the further improvement in low-temperature fixing nature, using a terephthalic acid and a fumaric acid as a multiple-valued carboxylic-acid component, using polyoxypropylene (2 2) -2, 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane (it being called "PO") and a polyoxyethylene (2 2) -2, and 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane (it being called "EO") as a polyhydric-alcohol component is desirable. At this time, it is

still more desirable than PO to use many EO(s) and to use many fumaric acids rather than a terephthalic acid. It is for making it a glass transition point not become high too much, maintaining a desired grindability index.

[0036] When using the above polyester resin as a binder resin, as for the acid number, it is preferably desirable that it is 3 – 20 KOHmg/g three to 30 KOHmg/g. While raising the dispersibility of the pigment which contains carbon black by using the polyester resin of such the acid number, or an electrification control agent, the toner which has more sufficient amount of electrifications can be obtained.

[0037] In order to control the glossiness of a picture in the full color toner which the fixing nature as a toner for heat roller fixing and offset-proof nature are raised especially in this invention, and needs a translucency, you may use two kinds of polyester resin from which softening temperature differs as polyester resin. At this time, the acid number of those mixed resins should just be above-mentioned within the limits.

[0038] As a coloring agent used by this invention, the well-known pigment and well-known color which are used as a coloring agent for full color toners from the former are usable. For example, carbon black, activated carbon, titanium black, aniline bule, Cull coil blue, chrome yellow, ultra marine blue, E. I. du Pont de Nemours oil red, Quinoline yellow, methylene-blue chloride, a copper phthalocyanine, a Malachite-Green OKISA rate, Lamp black, a rose bengal, C. I. pigment red 48: 1, the C.I. pigment red 122, the C.I. pigment red 57:1, the C.I. pigment red 184, the C.I. pigment yellow 12, the C.I. pigment yellow 17, the C.I. pigment yellow 93, C. I. pigment yellow 97, the C.I. pigment yellow 109C.I. pigment yellow 110, the C.I. pigment yellow 155, the C.I. pigment yellow 180, C.I. pigment yellow 185, C. I. solvent yellow 162, the C.I. pigment blue 15:1, and C.I. pigment blue 15:3 grade can be mentioned. In a black toner, you may replace some or all of a coloring agent, such as various carbon black, activated carbon, and titanium black, with the magnetic substance. As the magnetic substance, well-known magnetic-substance particles, such as a ferrite, a magnetite, and iron, are usable, for example. The mean particle diameter of a magnetic particle has especially preferably desirable 0.5 micrometers or less 1 micrometer or less in the meaning which acquires the dispersibility at the time of manufacture. the case where the magnetic substance is added in viewpoints, such as scattering prevention, giving the property as a nonmagnetic toner to a toner -- the addition -- the binder resin 100 weight section -- receiving -- 0.5 - 10 weight section -- desirable -- 0.5 - 8 weight section -- it is 1 - 5 weight section more preferably

[0039] Although the content of a coloring agent should just be suitably determined according to the hiding power of a coloring agent, and the maximum coating weight at the time of image formation, even if it is filled up with comparatively a lot of coloring agents in this invention, since the electrification nature of the toner of each color hardly changes, using comparatively mostly is more effective. For example, when the maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material is 4 g/m2, the range of 6.5 - 12 weight section and the C.I. pigment blue 15:3 are used [the C.I. pigment red 57:1] for the range of 4 - 8 weight section, and the C.I. pigment yellow 180 in the range of 5.5 - 10 weight section (criteria are the binder resin 100 weight section). In addition, as for the coloring agent used for the toner of a Magenta, cyanogen, and yellow, it is desirable to be used as a masterbatch ground and obtained, after carrying out melting kneading beforehand with the binder resin used, and the amount of [at that time used] should just become above-mentioned [the coloring agent content in the toner obtained] within the limits. [0040] You may make a toner contain an electrification control agent and a release agent by request. As an electrification control agent for a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and yellow toners, the electrification control agent of the colorlessness which does not have a bad influence on the color tone of a color toner and a translucency, white, or light color is usable, for example, the zinc of salicylic acid derivatives, the metal complex of chromium, a calyx arene system compound, an organic boron compound, a fluorine-containing quarternary-ammonium-salt system compound, etc. are used suitably. As the above-mentioned

salicylic-acid metal complex, a thing with a thing given [as an organic boron compound] in JP,2-221967,A with a thing [given in JP,53-127726,A, JP,62-145255,A, etc.] given [as a calyx arene system compound] in JP,2-201378,A etc. is usable.

[0041] A wax is used as a release agent. As a wax, a well-known wax is usable in the field of the toner for electrostatic-charge image development, for example, a polyethylene wax, a polypropylene wax, carnauba wax, a rice wax, a SAZORU wax, a montan ester wax, the Fischer Tropsch wax, paraffin wax, etc. can be mentioned. Desirable especially as for the melting point of a desirable wax, it is 50-90 degrees C to use the wax of the low melting point from a viewpoint of the further improvement in low-temperature fixing nature and improvement in the separability from a fixing roller. The addition of a release agent has desirable 0.5 - 5 weight section to the binder resin 100 weight section.

[0042] It faces obtaining a toner, and first, after mixing other additives, for example, a release agent, an electrification control agent, etc. with well-known mixed equipments, such as a Henschel mixer, in a binder resin, an above-mentioned polymer (B), and an above-mentioned coloring agent row, with well-known kneading equipment, melting kneading is carried out, it cools and a kneading object is obtained. Subsequently, a kneading object is ground and classified and carries out momentary heat-treatment by request. Finally in this invention, 3–7.5 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters of a toner particle are 4–6.5 micrometers preferably. If particle size is too small, by increase of the surface area of a toner, the adhesion force between toners will be too high, and the condensation at the time of the time of storage and supply, and development will serve as a technical problem. If particle size is too large, level of graininess (fineness of a texture) required as a full color picture cannot be attained. As equipment for performing momentary heat-treatment, a SAFUYUJINGU system (Japanese pneumatic industrial company make) is usable, for example.

[0043] To a toner, it is desirable to add various organic one / inorganic particle (after—treatment agent) for the purpose of grant of a fluidity or cleaning nature. As a non-subtlety particle, for example Silicon carbide, a boron carbide, a titanium carbide, A zirconium carbide, a hafnium carbide, a vanadium carbide, a tantalum carbide, Carbonization niobium, a tungsten carbide, a chromium carbide, carbonization molybdenum, calcium carbide, Various carbide, such as a diamond carbon lactam, boron nitride, a titanium nitride, Various borides, such as various nitrides, such as a zirconium nitride, and a zirconium boride, Titanium oxide, a calcium oxide, a magnesium oxide, a zinc oxide, a copper oxide, Various oxides, such as an aluminum oxide, a silica, and colloidal silica, titanic—acid calcium, Various titanic—acid compounds, such as titanic—acid magnesium and a strontium titanate, Various fluorides, such as various sulfides [, such as molybdenum disulfide] and magnesium fluoride, carbon, etc. fluoride, independent in various nonmagnetic inorganic particles, such as various metallic soaps, such as an aluminum stearate, a calcium stearate, a zinc stearate, and a magnesium stearate, talc, and a bentonite, — or it can combine and use

[0044] As an organic particle, particles, such as the styrene system which corned for the purpose, such as a cleaning assistant, by wet polymerization methods, such as an emulsion-polymerization method, a soap free emulsion-polymerization method, and a non-moisture powder polymerization method, the gaseous-phase method, etc., acrylic (meta), benzoguanamine, a melamine, Teflon (registered trademark), silicon, polyethylene, and polypropylene, can be used.

[0045] As for a non-subtlety particle especially a silica, titanium oxide, an alumina, a zinc oxide, etc., it is desirable that surface treatment is carried out by the well-known method from a viewpoint of heat-resistant storage nature and environmental-proof stability using processing agents which have the hydrophobing processing agent currently used from the former, such as a silane coupling agent, a titanate system coupling agent, a silicone oil, and a silicone varnish, a fluorine system silane coupling agent, a fluorine system silicone oil, an amino group, and a quarternary-ammonium-salt machine, such as a coupling agent and a denaturation silicone oil.

[0046] the composition of the particle (after-treatment agent) **(ed) by a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and the yellow toner outside in this invention -- abbreviation same -- suppose that it is desirable and is the same here -- composition -- "-- it judges for all the after-treatment agents by which that it is [abbreviation same]" or "it is the same" were added more than the 0.3 weight section to the toner 100 weight section in each toner -- having -respectively -- each toner -- setting -- a kind and an amount -- "-- it shall mean that abbreviation same" or the "same" after-treatment agent is added in common what the kind of after-treatment agent includes the chemical formula with which the raw material of a particle is expressed, and primary [an average of] particle size, and is meant -- carrying out -- especially -- the kind of after-treatment agent -- abbreviation -- being the same -- a chemical formula with the particle raw material same irrespective of the existence of surface treatment -- it can express -- and -- this -- the first [an average of] particle size in each toner of the after-treatment agent expressed with the same chemical formula means that it is within the limits which is **20% of those averages, respectively moreover, the amount of an after-treatment agent -- abbreviation -- being the same -- the above -- it means that the addition (addition to the toner 100 weight section) in each toner of the after-treatment agent expressed with the same chemical formula is within the limits of **20% of those averages, respectively Since the development nature and imprint nature of a toner will change for every color of a toner if the composition of an after-treatment agent differs for every color of a toner, it will be necessary to design development conditions etc. for every color of a toner. Being designed similarly is desirable although you may be the Magenta toner of the above [a black toner] for low-cost-izing, a cyano toner and a yellow toner, and the toner of a separate installation meter in this invention.

[0047] It is desirable to the toner 100 weight section 0.05 – 5 weight section and to carry out 0.1–3 weight section addition of the above-mentioned particle preferably. The above-mentioned particle may be used combining it two or more sorts, and those total quantities should just be above-mentioned within the limits in that case.

[0048] The carrier which can use the thing better known than before as a carrier for 2 component developers as a carrier used in order to use the above toners as a 2 component developer, for example, consists of magnetic-substance particles, such as iron and a ferrite, the resin coat carrier which comes to cover such a magnetic-substance particle with a resin, or the binder type carrier which comes to distribute the impalpable powder of a magnetic-substance particle in a binding resin can be used. It is desirable from viewpoints, such as toner SUPENTO, to use the resin coat carrier which used the silicone system resin, the copolymerization resin (graft resin) of organopolysiloxane and a vinyl system monomer, or the polyester system resin as a covering resin also in these carriers, and the carrier which the resin which the isocyanate was made to react to the copolymerization resin of organopolysiloxane and a vinyl system monomer, and was obtained especially covered is desirable from a viewpoint of endurance, environmental-proof stability, and SUPENTO-proof nature. The monomer which has substituents, such as a hydroxyl group which has an isocyanate and reactivity as the above-mentioned vinyl system monomer, is used preferably. Moreover, as for the volume mean particle diameter of a carrier, it is preferably desirable from high-definition reservation and a viewpoint of carrier fogging prevention to use a 20-60-micrometer thing 20-100 micrometers. [0049] Subsequently, the full color image formation method of this invention is explained. The full color image formation method of this invention is characterized by controlling the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of using a developer which was mentioned above and a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner to a comparatively small value in the well-known full color image formation method.

[0050] The process developed with the developer which formed the latent image on the electrostatic latent-image support (photo conductor), and mentioned this latent image above in detail, And the process imprinted on a recorded material, without minding the toner image

formed on the electrostatic latent-image support through a middle imprint object In the full color image formation method including the toner image which carried out repeatedly for every color of a developer and was imprinted on the recorded material being established the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner — respectively — two or less 5.0 g/m — desirable — 2 – 5.0 g/m2 — it controls to the value of 3.0 – 4.8 g/m2 more preferably By using a specific developer in this way in this invention by the specific "maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material", it becomes possible to be high-speed and cheap and to offer a high definition full color picture. If the above-mentioned coating weight exceeds 5.0 g/m2, since fixing at low temperature will require comparatively high fixing temperature and/or comparatively long time for becoming difficult and attaining sufficient fixing comparatively, improvement in the speed and low-cost-izing of full color image formation cannot be attained simultaneously.

[0051] When using the aforementioned developer above "the maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material" in this invention, the complicatedness of the conditioning for every toner at the time of development can be mitigated by making the "maximum coating weight to a recorded material" of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner into within the limits of **5% of those averages, respectively. That is, it becomes possible to be high-speed and cheap and to offer a high definition full color picture, mitigating the complicatedness of the conditioning for every toner at the time of development. It becomes possible to be high-speed and cheap and to offer a high definition full color picture, without changing the maximum coating weight of a toner to a recorded material for every toner by controlling further in this invention to the same value of above-mentioned [the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner] within the limits.

[0052] It is desirable to control in this invention like [the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a black toner] the maximum coating weight of a Magenta toner, a cyano toner, and a yellow toner. By controlling such, it is because it becomes possible to be high-speed and cheap and to offer a high definition full color picture still more easily. When for that using carbon black as a coloring matter, it is desirable to fully distribute carbon black. [0053] In this invention, "the maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a toner" is "a peak of the toner which finally appears on a recorded material", and is one of the conditions beforehand set up for every toner in full color image formation equipment.

[0054] "The maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a toner" is determined as a "peak [of the toner to which development may adhere at an electrostatic latent-image support] (henceforth photo conductor maximum coating weight)" row depending on "the imprint efficiency (when not using a middle imprint object) from an electrostatic latent-image support to a recorded material", or "the imprint efficiency and the imprint efficiency (when using a middle imprint object) from a middle imprint object to a recorded material" from an electrostatic latent-image support to a middle imprint object The photo conductor maximum coating weight is determined by the potential of the picture section in an electrostatic latent-image support and the potential of the non-picture section, the surface potential of a developer support, the distance of an electrostatic latent-image support and a developer support, the magnetism of a carrier, resistance of a carrier, the amount of conveyances of the developer to a developer support top, the peripheral-speed ratio of a developer support and an electrostatic latent-image support, etc.

[0055] Hereafter, the case where a full color picture is formed using the above-mentioned image formation method is explained briefly. First, the photo conductor (electrostatic latent-image support) of a photo conductor drum is uniformly charged with a primary electrification vessel, the laser beam modulated in the Magenta picture signal of a manuscript performs picture exposure, and an electrostatic latent image is formed on a photoconductor drum. Next, after developing this electrostatic latent image with the Magenta development counter which holds the developer containing a Magenta toner and forming a Magenta toner

image on a photoconductor drum, this Magenta toner image is imprinted to the conveyed recorded material with an imprint electrification vessel. On the other hand, the photo conductor drum after the Magenta toner image was imprinted is discharged with the electrification vessel for electric discharge, and is cleaned by the cleaning means. After developing after that this electrostatic latent image by the developer which contains formation of electrification with the primary electrification machine of a photo conductor drum, and the electrostatic latent image to photo conductor drum lifting by the picture exposure using the cyano picture signal, and a cyano toner again like the formation method of the above-mentioned Magenta toner image is imprinted is imprinted. Furthermore, formation of a yellow toner image and formation of a black toner image are performed like the formation method of the above-mentioned Magenta toner image one by one, and the color toner picture of four colors is imprinted to a recorded material, and it is established by pressurization and heating according the imprinted full color picture to a fixing roller etc.

[0056] Even if it changes the formation sequence of each color picture, there is especially no problem. Moreover, in the above-mentioned explanation, although the composition which imprints each color toner picture one by one directly to a recorded material was shown, after piling up each color toner picture to middle imprint objects, such as a middle imprint belt, and imprinting one by one to them, you may imprint a superposition picture to a recorded material collectively.

[0057] The full color image formation method of this invention is faced actually carrying out. Since the sensitivity of a photo conductor and the electrification property of a developer may be changed and "the photo conductor maximum coating weight (maximum coating weight to the recorded material of a toner)" may be changed with change of the operating environments (temperature, humidity, etc.) of the equipment which adopted the method concerned, It is desirable to perform automatic concentration control (automatic control of the photo conductor maximum coating weight) about each of the toner of a color with which plurality differs periodically.

[0058] forming a criteria toner image (solid picture) on an electrostatic latent-image support according to predetermined development conditions, and changing suitably strange good development conditions, such as potential of the picture section in an electrostatic latent-image support and potential of the non-picture section, and surface potential of a developer support, with automatic concentration control, based on the coating weight of this criteria toner image — the value of a convention of the photo conductor maximum coating weight — an amendment — they are things

[0059] While a desirable mode smell performs the above-mentioned automatic concentration control, measures the surface potential of the electrostatic latent-image support charged on condition that predetermined by the surface potential measurement means for every fixed period and makes a storage means memorize the measured value The last measured value memorized by this measured value and the storage means is compared, when the amount of change is larger than a predetermined value, the aforementioned automatic concentration control is performed, and in being smaller than a predetermined value, it controls to maintain the last development conditions, without performing the aforementioned automatic concentration control. Although the latency time for dozens of seconds will occur by the time the picture of the 1st sheet outputs when performing automatic concentration control, if control according to the amount of change of the surface potential of the above electrostatic latent-image supports is performed, since automatic concentration control with a comparatively small effect will no longer be performed and the number of times of execution of automatic concentration control will be effectively reduced as a result, working capacity improves.

[0060] The 1st mode in which form a criteria toner image about each of the toner of a color with which plurality differs according to the amount of change of the surface potential of the

aforementioned electrostatic latent-image support, and development conditions are set up in another desirable mode in case automatic concentration control is performed, A criteria toner image is formed only about the predetermined color of the toners of a color with which plurality differs, development conditions are set up, and the 2nd mode in which the development conditions of other colors are set up is chosen based on the development conditions of this predetermined color. If selection based on the amount of change of the surface potential of such an electrostatic latent-image support is performed, since [which not necessarily performs automatic concentration control about the toner of all colors / being required] it is lost and the number of times of execution of automatic concentration control is effectively reduced as a result, working capacity will improve.

[0061] In the method of this invention, aiming at further improvement in working efficiency by adopting combining the two above-mentioned desirable modes, over a long period of time, it is high-speed and cheap and a high definition full color picture can be offered.

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EXAMPLE

[Example] (Manufacture of a binder resin (polyester resin)) The alcoholic component and the acid component were put into the four glass mouth flask furnished with the thermometer, the stirrer, the flowing-down formula capacitor, and the nitrogen introduction pipe with the polymerization initiator (dibutyl tin oxide) by the mole ratio shown in Table 1. It was made to react, agitating this at 220 degrees C under nitrogen-gas-atmosphere mind in a mantle heater, and polyester resin A1 and A2 was obtained. The obtained polyester resin had physical properties as shown in Table 1. In addition, EO is front Naka and PO is a polyoxyethylene (2 2) about polyoxypropylene (2 2) -2 and 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane. – TPA expresses a terephthalic acid and FA expresses a fumaric acid for 2 and 2-screw (4-hydroxyphenyl) propane.

[0063]

[Table 1]

ホ゜リエステル	アルコーノ	・成分 ・	酸质	兌分	16	V /V-	Tg	Tm	酸価	水酸価	粉砕性
樹脂	PO	EO	FA	TPA	Mn	Mw/Mn	(°C)	(°C)	(KOHmg/g)	(KOHmg/g)	指数
A1	1.0	10.0	7. 0	2. 0	3500	3. 6	55. 4	98. 0	4.8	29. 1	2. 2
A2	10.0	1. 0	-	9. 0	3900	3.8	64. 5	100. 2	3. 8	27. 4	1.8

[0064] (Manufacture of a polymer (B))

- 1.5g of BF3-phenol complexes was dropped in [small quantity / every] about 10 minutes, having taught resin B1 styrene (99.9% of purity) 150g, and toluene 150g to the autoclave, and keeping temperature at 5 degrees C under stirring. Then, stirring was continued for further 3 hours. Next, after rinsing until it separated the water layer and became neutral about polymerized oil further, after having added 50ml of sodium-hydroxide solution 5%, stirring violently for 30 minutes and decomposing a catalyst, an unreacted oil and solvent toluene were distilled off and polystyrene 120g was obtained as a residue. The polymer concerned was used as the resin B1, and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

[0065] – 1.5g of BF3-phenol complexes was dropped in [small quantity / every] about 10 minutes, having taught 150g / of resin B-2 alpha methyl styrenes / (99.8% of purity), and toluene 150g to the autoclave, and keeping temperature at 5 degrees C under stirring. Then, stirring was continued for further 3 hours. Next, after rinsing until it separated the water layer and became neutral about polymerized oil further, after having added 50ml of sodium-hydroxide solution 5%, stirring violently for 30 minutes and decomposing a catalyst, an unreacted oil and solvent toluene were distilled off and 120g of Polly alpha methyl styrenes was obtained as a residue. The polymer concerned was made into resin B-2, and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

[0066] – 250g [of resin B3 alpha methyl styrenes] (99.8% of purity) and isopropenyl toluene 250g and toluene 500g are put into a three-neck flask, and a 3 fluorine boron phenol complex is added small quantity every under churning, and it was made to react at 20 degrees C for 3 hours, cooling by the dry ice acetone bath. Subsequently, added alkali, the catalyst was made to deactivate and it removed, it condensed in order to drive out a solvent and an unreacted monomer, and the alpha-methyl-styrene-isopropenyl toluene copolymer was obtained as a residue. The polymer concerned was used as the resin B3, and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

[0067] – Resin B4 isopropenyl toluene (98% of purity) 200g, 200g [of alpha methyl styrenes] (98% of purity), 120g [of C5 system petroleum fractions obtained by the pyrolysis of petroleum naphtha] (isoprene), and toluene 500g is put into a three-neck flask, and a 3 fluorine boron phenol complex is added small quantity every under churning, and it was made to react for 3 hours, cooling by the dry ice acetone bath. Next, after having added NaOH solution, agitating violently and decomposing a catalyst, the aqueous phase was separated and the oily polymerization object was obtained. After rinsing a still more nearly oily polymerization object until it became neutral, heating reduced pressure distilling off of an unreacted oil and the solvent was carried out, and the massive white alpha-methyl-styrene-isopropenyl toluene-isoprene copolymer as a residue was obtained. The polymer concerned was used as the resin B4, and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

[0068] - Polystyrene was obtained by the same process as a resin B1 except having made resin B5 reaction time into 2 hours. The polymer concerned was made into resin B5 and physical properties were shown in Table 2.

- The Polly alpha methyl styrene was obtained by the same process as resin B−2 except having made resin B6 reaction time into 4.5 hours. The polymer concerned was made into resin B6 and physical properties were shown in Table 2. [0069]

[Table 2]

	重合体 (B)	Mw	Mn	Mw/Mn	Tg (℃)	粉砕性 指数
B1	ポ リスチレン	1500	1000	1. 5	62	0.3
B2	ポ リー α ーメチルスチレン	2800	1500	1. 9	75	0. 5
В3	α-メチルスチレンーイソプロペニル トルエン共重合体	2400	1500	1.6	72	0. 5
B4	αーメチルスチレンーイソプロペニル トルエンーイソプレン共重合体	1900	1100	1. 7	65	0. 3
B5	ポリスチレン	900	650	1. 4	40	0. 2
В6	ポ リー α ーメチルスチレン	3100	1700	1.8	88	0. 7

[0070] (Manufacture of a pigment masterbatch) The pigment used for manufacture of a full color toner was used as a pigment masterbatch obtained by the following methods. The binder resin and pigment which are used in each example or the example of comparison were taught to the pressurized kneader at a rate of the weight ratio (resin: pigment) 7:3, and it kneaded at 120 degrees C for 1 hour. Coarse grinding was carried out with the hammer mill after cooling, and the pigment masterbatch of 30 % of the weight of pigment content was obtained. As a pigment, C.I.Pigment Yellow180 (Hoechst A.G. make), C.I.Pigment Blue 15–3 (Dainippon Ink make), and C.I.Pigment Red 57–1 (Dainippon Ink make) were used.

[0071] After having used toner M1 polyester resin A1 and the pigment masterbatch so that it might become the polyester resin A1;100 weight section and C.I.Pigment Red57-1;5 weight

section, carrying out 10 weight sections addition of the resin B1 at this and mixing by the Henschel mixer, melting kneading was carried out by the extruder. coarse grinding after cooling the obtained kneading object — and it pulverized and the trituration object of 5.5 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters was obtained Then, the trituration object was classified and the toner particle of 6 micrometers of volume mean particle diameters was obtained. After adding the hydrophobic silica (H2000; Hoechst A.G. make) 0.9 weight section, the hydrophobic titanium oxide (particle size of 50nm) 0.9 weight section, and the strontium—titanate (particle—size [of 350nm], BET specific surface area9m2/g) 2.0 weight section and carrying out mixed processing by the Henschel mixer to this toner particle 100 weight section, the Magenta toner (M1) was obtained.

[0072] The toner Y1 and C1 pigment masterbatch were changed, and toners Y1 and C1 were obtained by the same process as a toner M1 except having used polyester resin A1 and the pigment masterbatch so that it might become the polyester resin A1;100 weight section and C.I.Pigment Yellow180;8.5 weight section or polyester resin A1;100 weight section, and C.I.Pigment Blue15-3;7 weight section.

[0073] The toner K1 pigment masterbatch was changed into carbon black (mho gal L;;pHby Cabot Corp. 2.5; primary [an average of] particle size of 24nm), and the toner K1 was obtained by the same process as a toner M1 except having used polyester resin A1 and carbon black so that it might become the polyester resin A1;100 weight section and the carbon black;8 weight section.

[0074] Toners M2-M12 were obtained by the same process as a toner M1 except having used the pigment masterbatch for the binder resin shown in toner M2 - M12 Table 3 - 5, and the polymer (B) row so that it might become the written toner composition. Toners Y2-Y12 were obtained by the same process as a toner Y1 except having used the pigment masterbatch for the binder resin shown in toner Y2 - Y12 Table 3 - 5, and the polymer (B) row so that it might become the written toner composition.

[0075] Toners C2-C12 were obtained by the same process as a toner C1 except having used the pigment masterbatch for the binder resin shown in toner C2 - C12 Table 3 - 5, and the polymer (B) row so that it might become the written toner composition.

Toners K2-K12 were obtained by the same process as a toner K1 except having used carbon black for the binder resin shown in toner K2 - K12 Table 3 - 5, and the polymer (B) row so that it might become the written toner composition.

[0076] It used combining the toner shown in Table 3 – 5, and an example and example of comparison each example, or the example of comparison estimated the following items.
[0077] (Productivity) When a mechanical grinder (KTM–0 type: Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. make) ground a sample (toner constituent (what carried out 2mm mesh path with the feather mill after kneading cooling)) at Throughput F (5 kg/h) and the KTM rotational frequency 12000 (rpm), the load power value W1 when passing the load power value W0 and sample at the time of sample passage nothing was recorded. Then, the volume mean particle diameter D of the trituration object obtained by KTM trituration (micrometer) was measured by the multi-sizer II (made in coal tar Beckmann). The grindability index was computed based on the following formula, and it evaluated according to the following ranks. In addition, evaluation was performed about each toner and the average was shown.

Grindability index (H) =(Dx (W1-W0))/F [0078]

O; 1.0<=H<1.5;

O; 0.5<=H<1.0 or 1.5<=H<2.0;

x;H<0.5 (too soft) or 2.0<=H (too hard).

[0079] (Heat-resistant storage nature) After leaving toner 10g under the elevated temperature of 50 degrees C for 24 hours, the state of aggregation of a toner was observed visually. In addition, evaluation was performed about each toner and the worst result was shown.

O : the aggregate was not seen at all.;

O: although the aggregate existed, it got loose with the weak shock.;

x: The aggregate existed and it did not get loose easily.

[0080] (Electrification nature) The amount of electrifications of each toner was measured by the electric-field separation method. The average was calculated from the amount of electrifications of a Magenta toner, a yellow toner, a cyano toner, and a black toner. The difference of the amount of electrifications of each toner and the average concerned was searched for, and the rate (X (%)) of the difference concerned over the average was searched for. The rate concerned was evaluated according to the following ranks. In addition, evaluation was performed about each toner and the worst result was shown. The carrier used the acrylic denaturation silicone coat ferrite carrier.

O;-5 <=X<<=5 (%);

 $O;-10 \le X \le 5(\%)$ or $5 \le X \le 10 (\%)$;

x:X<-10(%) or 10<X (%).

[0081] the following evaluations — a toner — an acrylic denaturation silicone coat ferrite carrier and a toner — 2 component developer prepared and obtained so that a mixing ratio might become 5% of the weight was used

[0082] (Graininess) A Magenta, yellow, cyanogen, and 2 component developer of black were carried in the digital full color copying machine (CF910; Minolta Camera Co., Ltd. make) with which the toner maximum coating weight was set as the value shown in Table 3 – 5, and Society of Electrophotography of Japan chart 1995 No 5–1 was copied.

O; it was better than the graininess of the present product.;

x; it was inferior to the graininess of the present product.

[0083] (Low-temperature fixing nature) A Magenta, yellow, cyanogen, and 2 component developer of black are carried in the digital full color copying machine (CF910; Minolta Camera Co., Ltd. make) with which the maximum coating weight of each toner was set as the value shown in Table 3 – 5, and fixing temperature is set in the range of 120 degrees C – 170 degrees C. 1.5cmx1.5cm 3 color superposition picture (a Magenta toner, a yellow toner, and cyano toner) was printed making it change by 2-degree-C serration. The picture was bent from middle to two and viewing estimated the detachability of the picture. Temperature between the fixing temperature when a picture bending and exfoliating to the section circumference and fixing temperature when a picture bends and only the section exfoliates was made into fixing minimum temperature.

O; fixing minimum temperature was less than 145 degrees C.;

O; fixing minimum temperature was 145 degrees C or more less than 155 degrees C.;

**; fixing minimum temperature was 155 degrees C or more less than 165 degrees C.; (practically with no problem)

x; fixing minimum temperature was 165 degrees C or more (practically those with a problem). [0084]

[Table 3]

		\$0°44		トナー組成	4>?	#			常角		
······································		和任 (μm)	バインゲー 樹脂	重合体(B) 種/部*	着色剤** 使用量(部)	f·1.有重 (g/m²)	生産性	耐熟 保管性	粒状性	帯電性	低温 定着性
	14-41	9	A1	B1/10	9						
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	ŀ7-K1	9	A1	B1/10	8						
	1+-M2	9	A1	B2/10	2						
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	1-1-M4	9	A1	B4/10	2						
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	1√-K4	6	A1	B4/10	8						
	14-115	9	A1	B1/5	2						
生体面层	14-Y5	9	A1	B1/5	8.5		(((((
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[0085] [Table 4]

		Xy Tak		トナー組成	4%	# 1			評価		
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		(# E)	樹脂	種/部*	使用量(部)	(g/m²)	生產性	保管性	和状性	帝 間 一	定着性
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	}-¥K6	5	A1	B1/10	8						
	14-M7	9	A2	B1/10	5						
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[0086] [Table 5]

		Zy+m		トナー組成	4-2	* 17			平角		
		和在 (µm)	バイング- 樹脂	重合体(B) 種/部*	着色剤** 使用量(部)	行有重 (g/m²)	生産性	耐熱 保管性	粒状性	帯電性	低温定着性
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	}+-M12	9	A1	B6/10	2						
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	k7-K12	9	A1	B6/10	8						
ベイン	*バインダー樹脂100重		部に対する	重合体 (B)	量部に対する重合体 (B) の使用量を示す。	to to				-	
メナバイン	**バインダー樹脂100重	1100重量	生部に対する	5着色剤の使	量部に対する着色剤の使用量を示す。						

[0087] (Manufacture of an acrylic denaturation silicone coat ferrite) It is 100 weight ******** about a methyl ethyl ketone at a flask with an equipped with a stirrer, a capacitor, a thermometer, a nitrogen introduction pipe, and dropping equipment capacity of 500ml. Under nitrogen-gas-atmosphere mind, at 80 degrees C, the solution which was made to dissolve the methyl methacrylate 86.7 weight section, 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate 5.1 weight section, 3-methacryloxypropyl tris (trimethylsiloxy) silane 58.2 weight section and 1, and 1'-azobis (cyclohexane-1-carbonitrile) 1 weight section in the methyl-ethyl-ketone 100 weight section, and was obtained was dropped into the reactor over 2 hours, and was ripened for 5 hours. after

adjusting isophorone diisocyanate / trimethylol-propane adduct (IPDI/TMP system : NCO%= 6.1%) as a cross linking agent to the obtained resin so that the OH/NCO mole fraction may become 1/1 -- a methyl ethyl ketone -- diluting -- a fixed ratio -- the coat resin solution which is 8 % of the weight was prepared

[0088] Using the baking ferrite powder F-800 (volume mean particle diameter: micrometers [50], Powdertech make) as core material, the above-mentioned coat resin solution was applied and dried with Spira Cota (Okada elaborate company make) so that the amount of covering resins to core material might become 1.5% of the weight. In hot blast circulating oven, at 160 degrees C, the obtained carrier was left for 1 hour and calcinated. The ferrite powder bulk after cooling was cracked using the sieve shaker which attached 106 micrometers of openings, and a 75-micrometer screen mesh, and the acrylic denaturation silicone coat ferrite carrier was obtained.

[0089] (others -- measuring method)

- Temperature which flows out of the defluxion start point when carrying out melting defluxion of the sample of 3 1cm on condition that the pore (the path of 1mm, a length of 1mm) of a dice, pressurization 30 kg/cm2, and 3 degrees C of programming rates and min using the measuring method flow tester (CFT-500:Shimadzu Corp. make) of the softening temperature Tm of a resin, and is equivalent to one half of the height of an ending point was made into softening temperature.
- The acid number is the value which dissolved the 10mg sample in toluene 50ml, titrated using the mixed indicator of 0.1% of bromthymol blue, and a Phenol Red with N / 10 potassium hydroxides / alcoholic solution by which standardization was carried out beforehand, and was computed from the consumption of N / 10 potassium hydroxides / alcoholic solution.
 [0090] The particle size of a toner was measured using the coal tar multi-sizer II.
- The mean particle diameter of an inorganic particle was observed with the transmission electron microscope (JEM-1010 type; the JEOL datum company make), measured the diameter of 100 particles, and asked for the mean particle diameter.

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